

# ELECTRIFICATION IN RURAL AREAS

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Electricity is a concurrent subject and as such providing electricity connection to households falls under the purview of State Governments / Power Utility. All the States/UTs have entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of India for providing 24 x 7 power supply to all households, industrial and commercial consumers from April, 2019 and adequate supply of power to agricultural consumers as per State policy. Government of India supplement the efforts of the States through its various schemes including Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS), Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana- Saubhagya and Ujjwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY).

Substantial progress has been made under DDUGJY & Saubhagya schemes towards creation of electricity infrastructure and providing electricity connections to households. Under these schemes, funds are released for sanctioned projects in instalments based on the reported utilisation of amount in the previous instalment(s) and fulfilment of stipulated conditionality's. So far Rs. 45,174.89 crore have been released under various projects of DDUGJY and States have reported 69% overall progress.

As reported by the States, all the inhabited un-electrified census villages stand electrified on 28.04.2018 across the country.

Further, to achieve universal household electrification by providing last mile connectivity and electricity connections to all households in rural and all poor households in urban areas across the country Government of India launched Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana – “Saubhagya” in October, 2017. All the States reported electrification of all households on Saubhagya portal, as on 31.03.2019, except few households in the LWE affected Bastar region of Chhattisgarh. Since launch of the scheme, 2.628 crore households were electrified up to 31.03.2019 across the country.

This information was provided by Minister of State (IC) Power, New & Renewable Energy and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Shri R.K. Singh, in written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.

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