

1	2	3	4	5	6
5.	Iron & Steel	67	25.30	1.48	2.10
6.	Paper & Pulp	31	2.09	0.12	0.26
7.	Textile	90	1.20	0.07	0.12
8.	Thermal Power Plant	144	105.00	3.21	3.06
TOTAL		478	165.38	6.68	8.67

#### Launching of Saubhagya Yojana

1757. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya) has been launched;

(b) which are the rural and the urban areas that are proposed to be covered under this scheme on priority and otherwise; and

(c) by when does Government proposes to achieve the objective of this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government of India launched Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya), in September, 2017 to achieve universal household electrification in the country. The scheme envisages to provide last mile connectivity and electricity connections to all the remaining un-electrified households of rural and un-electrified poor households in urban areas across the country.

(c) Under Saubhagya, all the States/UTs are required to complete the works of household electrification by 31st March, 2019.

#### Supply of led bulbs on subsidised rates

1758. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Central Government scheme to provide LED bulbs to the consumers on subsidised rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether online sale facility will also be started for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) and (b) There is no scheme funded by the Central Government to provide LED bulbs to the consumers on subsidised rates. However, Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a joint venture company of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the Ministry of Power is providing LED bulbs under Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA) Programme to domestic consumers.

UJALA programme is voluntary in nature and runs without any budgetary allocation from Government of India. EESL aggregates the demand across the country and procures LED bulbs through a transparent and competitive bidding process for further distribution to domestic consumers at lower rates compared to prevailing retail market price.

(c) EESL through its distribution channel partner Department of Information and Technology (DoIT), Government of Rajasthan is distributing LED bulbs online in Rajasthan only.

#### **Pay anomalies in hydro PSUs**

1759. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that executives (E1 and E2 grade) in Hydro Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under Ministry of Power namely THDC, SJVN, NHPC and NEEPCO are having lower pay scales than their supervisors and workmen w.e.f. 01.01.1997 resulting in pay scales anomalies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which anomalies in pay scales is likely to be removed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) to (c) While the pay scales of Executives in CPSUs are fixed as per the DPE Guidelines dated 25.06.1999, the pay scales of Supervisors and Workmen categories are negotiated and fixed by the Management of the concerned CPSUs as per the DPE Guidelines dated 14.01.1999. There is anomaly in pay scales which arose due to non-adherence with the DPE Guidelines dated 14.01.1999 that the negotiated wages would not come in conflict with the wage revision of Officers/Executives and would be implemented after confirming to the administrative Ministry and DPE that such revisions are within the approved parameters.