

power have been generated from Solar, Wind, Biomass and Bagasse sources in various places of the state during last three years.

(b) A total amount of ₹ 417.03 crore has been provided as central financial assistance to various agencies/organizations in the state of Tamil Nadu during last three years for implementation of various renewable energy projects.

(c) and (d) The Government provides both financial and technical support for development and promotion of new and renewable energy in the country including Tamil Nadu under its various schemes as detailed in Statement. [Refer to the Statement-II appended to answer to USQ No. 468 (part b)].

Implementation of Saubhagya scheme

471. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:

DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is taking the help of India Posts for collecting the data on households still without electricity, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has received any project reports on the status of the electrified houses in the States, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantum of funds allocated to each State under Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojan (Saubhagya) and the funds released so far, the details thereof, State- wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) Yes Sir. Ministry of Power has taken the help of Department of Posts for survey of un-electrified households in five States viz. Assam, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha.

(b) and (c) Government of India have launched Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana –“Saubhagya” in September, 2017 with an outlay of ₹ 16,320 crore including a Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) of ₹ 12,320.00 crore. The objective of the scheme is to provide last mile connectivity and electricity connections to all households in rural and urban areas across the country.

The status of the electrified rural houses in the States is updated by the respective State DISCOMs on the Saubhagya web-portal. Based on the information furnished by the States so far, there are total 18.10 crore rural households in the country

as on 15th January, 2018; of these, 14.16 crore households (78.24%) have been electrified and remaining 3.93 crore un-electrified households (21.76%) are yet to be electrified.

The Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for coverage of balance un-electrified households under Saubhagya is uploaded by the States on online portal. So far, Government of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh have submitted 151 DPRs (77 rural grid + 27 rural off- grid+ 47 urban) on the online portal. Sanctions under Saubhagya are made against techno- economic appraisals and approvals of DPRs received, and disbursements made in a phased manner against completion of various activities and achievement of milestones as per scheme guidelines. So far, no funds have been disbursed under Saubhagya.

Electrification of villages households

472. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of households that have been electrified, so far, in the country with total households in each State, State-wise;

(b) the average proportion of villages that have received electricity out of the total number of villages in each State, State-wise; and

(c) the average number of hours for which the aforementioned households receive electricity, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) As reported by the States, there are total 18.10 crore rural households in the country as on 15th January, 2018; of these 14.16 crore households have been electrified and 3.93 crore households are un-electrified. The State-wise details are given in Statement-I (*See below*).

(b) As per census 2011, there are 5.97 lakh inhabited villages in the country; of these, 5.95 lakh villages have been electrified as on 31.12.2017. State-wise details are given in Statement-II (*See below*).

(c) State-wise average number of hours power supply provided to rural areas is given in Statement-III.