

Meghalaya, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Arunachal Pradesh, Kerala, Tripura, Mizoram, Nagaland, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu and Puducherry have signed the Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) under Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY). The scheme is optional for the States. State of West Bengal and UT of Chandigarh have not yet joined the scheme so far. The Ministry of Power has accepted the proposal of UT of Lakshadweep to join UDAY. The State of Odisha has indicated its willingness to participate for operational efficiency improvements.

(b) and (c) UDAY is applicable for State-owned Distribution Companies (DISCOMs) only. Thus, the questions do not arise.

Inclusion of tuticorin under NSGM

479. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of salient features of National Smart Grid Mission (NSGM) announced by the Government;

(b) whether Tuticorin city has been included in the Smart Grid Projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) Government of India has approved the establishment of a National Smart Grid Mission (NSGM) in 2015 with an outlay of ₹ 980 crores and a budgetary support of ₹ 338 crores to plan and monitor implementation of policies and programmes related to Smart Grid activities in India. 30% of the project cost of Smart Grid Projects will be provided from the NSGM budget whereas balance project cost is to be brought in by the utilities. The Smart Grid Projects under the scheme comprise of several elements, including Smart metering, Distribution automation and remote monitoring, Demand response, Micro grid, Capacity building etc.

Under the National Smart Grid Mission, four Smart Grid Projects at an approximate cost of ₹ 578 crores have been sanctioned for Chandigarh, Amravati and Congress Nagar (Nagpur) of Maharashtra and Kanpur city.

(b) to (d) Under NSGM, utilities are required to submit proposals of Smart Grids, if any. So far, no Smart Grid Project proposal has been received from Tuticorin for consideration under NSGM.