

Impact assessment of Saubhagya scheme

*208. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state whether any assessment has been made on the progress made in the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya) which was launched in September, 2017 with the aim to provide access of electricity to all remaining households in the country, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): Performance of Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana-Saubhagya is regularly monitored for the entire country by Ministry of Power. As reported by the States more than 2.31 crore households have been electrified, up to 26.12.2018, since launch of Saubhagya scheme on 11th October, 2017. The scheme envisages electrifying the remaining un-electrified households by 31st March, 2019.

Plans to celebrate birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev

*209. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the series of activities planned by Government to mark the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Devji; and

(b) the amount earmarked, if any, for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Government of India has decided to commemorate 550th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Devji with effect from 23.11.2018 at national as well as international level. Following activities have been planned during the year-long celebrations:

- (i) Development of the Kartarpur corridor from Dera Baba Nanak in Gurdaspur district to the international border in order to facilitate pilgrims from India to visit the holy Gurdwara Darbar Sahib, Kartarpur in Pakistan.
- (ii) Development of the historic town of Sultanpur Lodhi as a heritage town on the Smart City principles including establishment of a heritage complex.
- (iii) Upgradation and development of Sultanpur Lodhi railway station with all the modern amenities.
- (iv) Release of commemorative coin and postage stamp.