

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1588
ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024

TARGET TO ENSURE 24-HOURS POWER SUPPLY IN RURAL AREAS

1588 # SHRI DEEPAK PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of **POWER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Government has set any target to ensure 24 hours power supply in all urban and rural areas of Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the steps being taken to ensure 24 hours power supply in all areas of Jharkhand in the coming time along with time-frame thereof?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) & (b): As per Rule (10) of the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020, the distribution licensee shall supply 24x7 power to all consumers. However, the Commission may specify lower hours of supply for some categories of consumers like agriculture. The Rules are applicable for all States and for all areas including urban and rural areas.

Government of India launched schemes like Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS), Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (SAUBHAGYA) etc., to support States achieve the objective of providing uninterrupted power supply to all households. Projects worth Rs. 11,391 crore were executed for strengthening the distribution system in the State of Jharkhand which includes works like new/upgradation of substations, new/ upgradation of HT & LT lines, ABC and underground cabling etc. A total of 2,583 villages were electrified under DDUGJY and 17,30,708 households were electrified under the SAUBHAGYA.

Further, Government of India launched Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) with the objective of improving the quality and reliability of power supply to consumers through a financially sustainable and operationally efficient Distribution Sector. The Scheme has an outlay of Rs. 3,03,758 crore with a Gross Budgetary Support of Rs. 97,631 crore from Government of India over a period of five years from 2021-22 to FY 2025-26. Projects worth Rs. 4,181 crore for distribution infrastructure works and smart metering works have been sanctioned for the State of Jharkhand.

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In addition, all identified PVTG Households under PM-JANMAN (Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan) are being taken up under RDSS for on-grid electricity connection as per the scheme guidelines. Till date, works amounting to Rs 53.39 Cr have been sanctioned for electrification of 9,134 PVTG households for the State of Jharkhand.

Further, during last 5 years, out of total 6,220 MW of thermal capacity commissioned in the eastern region of the country (having share of Jharkhand), power allocated to the State of Jharkhand is 613 MW. In addition, three units each of 800 MW are under construction at Patratu and one unit of 660 MW is under construction at North Karanpura in the State of Jharkhand. One unit of 660 MW is under construction at Barh, Bihar. The total share of Jharkhand in these projects would be about 2,272 MW.

As a result of these measures, there has been negligible gap between the peak demand and demand met during the first quarter of FY 2024-2025 (details placed at **Annexure**).

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1588 ANSWERED IN THE RAJYA SABHA ON 05.08.2024

Jharkhand: Power Supply Position during 2024-25

	Energy Details				Peak Details			
Year	Energy Required	Energy Available	Surplus / Deficit (-)		Peak Demand	Demand Met	Surplus/ Deficit	
	MU	MU	MU	%	MW	MW	MW	%
April-24	1,313	1,284	-30	-2.2	2,133	2,133	0	0.0
May-24	1,403	1,395	-9	-0.6	2,295	2,292	-3	-0.1
June-24	1,424	1,410	-13	-0.9	2,330	2,330	0	0.0
Total (Upto June)	4,140	4,089	-52	-1.3	6,758	6,755	0	0.0
