

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER

RAJYA SABHA
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RELIABLE POWER SUPPLY TO FARMERS

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

- (a) whether Government has made efforts to separate agricultural feeders where the load is higher so as to reduce the load for domestic consumption;
- (b) the total number of feeders identified and separated so far; and
- (c) the total cost involved in separation of feeders?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) to (c) : Government of India has been laying emphasis on segregation of mixed load feeders having more than 30% agricultural load into agriculture and non-agricultural feeders with the objective of efficient load management. It is expected that separation of agriculture feeders would facilitate judicious rostering of supply for agricultural consumption and enable their solarisation which would help in reducing the cost of supply. It will also help in providing reliable and quality supply to non-agricultural consumers in the rural areas.

Under the scheme of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), launched in 2014 and Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), launched in 2021 works have been sanctioned for feeder segregation works. Under DDUGJY, 7,833 feeders were segregated with a project cost of Rs. 10,394 Cr and the scheme stands closed as on 31.03.2022.

Under RDSS, feeder segregation works amounting to Rs. 40,509 Cr have been sanctioned and the works are to be completed within the scheme period i.e. 31.03.2026.

The status of feeder segregation works is as below:

#	Particulars	Feeders
1	Total feeders with more than 30% agricultural load feasible for segregation	80,631
2	Feeders already segregated under various schemes	49,512
3	Feeders sanctioned under RDSS	31,119
4.	Feeders segregated under RDSS till date	3,874
