

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.153
ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY IN RURAL AREAS OF THE COUNTRY

153 # SHRI NARHARI AMIN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a provision of 24-hour electricity supply in rural and urban areas under the Electricity (Rights of Consumer) Rules, 2020;
- (b) if so, the States in the country where 24-hour electricity supply is being provided in rural areas;
- (c) the States where least electricity is getting supplied in its rural areas;
- (d) the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of electricity supply in urban and rural areas in the State of Gujarat?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) & (b) : As per Sub-Rule (1) of Rule (10) of the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020, the distribution licensee shall supply 24x7 power to all consumers. However, the State Electricity Regulatory Commission may specify lower hours of supply for some categories of consumers like agriculture. The Rules are applicable across all states and for all areas including urban and rural areas. The state-wise average daily hours of power supply data for FY2023-24 in Urban and Rural areas is at **Annexure**.

The national average for rural supply was around 22 hrs in 2023-24 and in many states like Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal etc., the average daily hours of power supply in rural areas was above 23 hrs.

(c) & (d) : In FY2023-24, the states of Nagaland, J&K, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana had average daily hours of power supply in rural areas below 20 hrs.

(e) : The average daily hours of power supply in urban and rural areas in the state of Gujarat for FY 2024 were 23.9 hrs and 23.7 hrs respectively.

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 153
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State/UT-wise average daily hours of power supply in rural and urban areas

State Name	2023-24 (Rural)	2023- 24 (Urban)
A&N Island	22.2	22.4
Andhra Pradesh	23.6	23.9
Arunachal Pradesh	20.1	22.1
Assam	22.5	23.8
Bihar	22.2	23.6
Chandigarh	*	23.8
Chhattisgarh	21.6	23.8
Delhi	*	24
Goa	23.8	23.9
Gujarat	23.7	23.9
Haryana	19.4	23.8
Himachal Pradesh	23	23.9
Jammu and Kashmir	19	21.7
Jharkhand	22.1	23.1
Karnataka	21.4	23.7
Kerala	22.4	24
Ladakh	22.2	23.3
Madhya Pradesh	22.6	23.8
Maharashtra	23.8	23.9
Manipur	22	23.9
Meghalaya	21.8	23.1
Mizoram	22.3	23.6
Nagaland	18	20
Odisha	23.4	23.7
Puducherry	22.7	23.7
Punjab	22.8	23.7
Rajasthan	21.7	23.9
Sikkim	21.5	22.6
Tamil Nadu	23.5	24
Telangana	21.9	24
Tripura	22.3	23.7
Uttar Pradesh	18.1	23.4
Uttarakhand	21.4	23.7
West Bengal	23.4	23.9
National Average	21.9	23.4
