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Electrification measures

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Why is in news? Implementation of household electrification under Saubhagya and RDSS

Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana:

The **Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy** has informed that the Government of India launched **Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY)** in December, 2014 for **various rural electrification works** including separation of agriculture and non-agriculture feeders, strengthening and augmentation of sub-transmission & distribution infrastructure, metering at distribution transformers/feeders/consumers and electrification of villages across the country.

Works under the scheme has been completed and the scheme stands closed.

As reported by the States, **all the inhabited un-electrified census villages** in the country **were electrified by 28th April, 2018**. A total of **18,374 villages** were electrified during the scheme.

Saubhagya:

Subsequently, Government of India launched the **Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana – Saubhagya** in October, 2017 with the objective to **achieve universal household electrification** for providing electricity connections to all willing un-electrified households in rural areas and all willing poor households in urban areas in the country.

Since the launch of Saubhagya scheme, as on 31.03.2021 **all the States have reported 100% electrification** of all the willing un- electrified households, identified before 31.03.2019.

As reported by the States, 2.817 crore households have been electrified since the launch of Saubhagya, up to 31.03.2021. Further, a **total of 4.43 lakh additional households** have been electrified under DDUGJY.

As such, as on 31.03.2022, a **total of 2.86 crore households** (including tribal households) have been electrified since the launch of Saubhagya. The scheme stands closed.

Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme:

The construction of new households is a dynamic and continuous process. The Central Government in line with its commitment, is further supporting States under the **ongoing Scheme of Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) for electrification of any left-out households**, which existed before 31.03.2019 (period of execution of SAUBHAGYA) but were somehow missed out by the DISCOMs.

Till date, the approval has been accorded for **around 4.96 Lakh left-out households for electrification** for the States of **Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh**.

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In addition, all identified beneficiary Households of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) across States under **PM-JANMAN** (Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan) are eligible for funding under RDSS as per guidelines.

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There is **no categorization specifically for Tribal areas** with regard to electrification of census villages.

There is **no bifurcation of tribal people** and the electricity connections were provided to all the households, including BPL category households, as the Scheme provided universal access of electricity to all the households across the country.