

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.840
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2022**

POWER FOR ALL

840. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHITHANGAPANDIAN:

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

- (a) the details of measures taken by the Union Government to support the Tamil Nadu Government's initiative to supply subsidised power to poor and marginal consumers as the State has already achieved hundred percent village electrification level;**
- (b) the quantum of funds allocated by the Union Government for the joint initiative called 'Power for All' with the State Government of Tamil Nadu;**
- (c) the details of achievement rate of the Union Government for providing support to the Government of Tamil Nadu for enhancing power supply infrastructure and making 24X7 reliable and quality power;**
- (d) whether the Union Government has extended any financial assistance to TANGEDCO; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) to (e) : Government of India, Ministry of Power had taken up a joint initiative of 24X7 Power for All along with the States and prepared State/UT specific action plan documents for providing 24x7 power supply to all households, industrial & commercial consumers, and adequate supply of power to agricultural consumers as per State policy. This initiative was aimed at ensuring uninterrupted supply of quality power to existing consumers and providing access to electricity to all unconnected consumers by 2019 in a phased manner.

Government of India has supported the States through its various initiatives & schemes such as Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) and Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) to achieve the objective of providing uninterrupted power supply to all households. Projects worth Rs. 1413 crore and Rs. 4531 Crore have been completed by Tamil Nadu Utilities under these Schemes respectively. Under the recently launched Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), the State owned Power Distribution Utilities, including the one in Tamil Nadu are being funded conditional to initiation of reforms and achievement of results under a mutually decided framework, which includes hours of supply of electricity to urban and rural consumers. Projects worth Rs. 28,302 crore have been sanctioned to the State of Tamil Nadu under RDSS, which includes Rs. 19,235 crore worth of projects for prepaid Smart metering, and Rs. 9,066 crore worth of projects for Loss reduction works.

Further, Government of India has also facilitated extending of financial assistance of Rs. 26,426 crore to Tamil Nadu by PFC and REC under Liquidity Infusion Scheme (LIS); and, also allowed additional borrowings by the State to the extent of Rs. 7,054 crore under the 0.5% Additional borrowing scheme of the Ministry of Finance linked to Power Sector Reforms.
