

Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana

Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana is a Government of India scheme designed to provide continuous power supply to rural India.

The initiative is named in honor of Indian political philosopher Deen Dayal Upadhyaya.

It is one of the key initiatives of the Modi Government.

The government plans to invest ₹756 billion (US\$11 billion) for rural electrification under this scheme.

The DDUGJY scheme will enable to initiate much awaited reforms in the rural areas. It focuses on feeder separation (rural households & agricultural) and strengthening of sub-transmission & distribution infrastructure including metering at all levels in rural areas. This will help in providing round the clock power to rural households and adequate power to agricultural consumers. The earlier scheme for rural electrification viz. Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) has been subsumed in the new scheme as its rural electrification component.

Background

- The rural agricultural and non-Agriculture consumers (domestic and non-domestic load) of the country are generally serviced through the local distribution network. Many rural areas of the country face insufficient electricity supply, consequently the distribution utilities are forced to resort to load shedding, thus affecting the power supply to both Agriculture and non-Agriculture consumers.
- The demand of power in rural areas is increasing day by day due to changing consumer base, improving living standards for which augmentation of rural infrastructure needs to be regularly undertaken
- The investment in the distribution network is low due to bad financial health of the distribution companies. Therefore, in order to augment the reliability and quality of supply distribution network needs to be strengthened.
- To improve the commercial viability of power distribution, there is need for metering of all categories of the consumers.

Scheme

Keeping in view the above problems, Ministry of Power, Government of India has launched Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana for rural areas having following objectives:

1. To provide electrification to all villages
2. Feeder separation to ensure sufficient power to farmers and regular supply to other consumers
3. Improvement of Sub-transmission and distribution network to improve the quality and reliability of the supply
4. Metering to reduce the losses

Financial provisions

Scheme has an outlay of ₹760 billion (US\$11 billion) for implementation of the projects under which Government of India shall provide Grant of ₹630 billion (US\$9.4 billion)

Benefits

- All villages and households shall be electrified
- Increase in agriculture yield
- Business of Small and household enterprises shall grow resulting in new avenues for employment
- Improvement in Health, Education, Banking (ATM) services
- Improvement in accessibility to radio, telephone, television, internet and mobile etc.
- Betterment in social security due to availability of electricity
- Accessibility of electricity to schools, panchayats, hospitals and police stations etc.
- Rural areas shall get increased opportunities for comprehensive development