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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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1. What is the Saubhagya Scheme?

“Saubhagya” scheme (Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana) was [launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25 September 2017](#) to ensure electrification of all the willing households in the country in rural as well as urban areas.

2. What is the objective of the scheme?

The objective of the scheme is to achieve universal household electrification by providing last mile connectivity and electricity connections to all households in rural as well as urban areas.

3. Who are the eligible beneficiaries of the scheme?

Under Saubhagya scheme, the government will provide all willing households in rural areas and poor families in urban areas free electricity connections identified using SocioEconomic and Caste Census (SECC) data 2011, having at least one deprivation. The households not found eligible as per SECC data would also be provided electricity connection on payment of Rs. 500 per household which shall be recovered by respective Discom/ Power Departments as per the scheme.

4. How will this scheme be operationalized?

[Rural Electrification Corporation Limited \(REC\)](#) is the nodal agency for the operationalisation of the scheme throughout the country.

5. How are the unelectrified households in remote areas covered under the scheme?

For the un-electrified households located in remote and in-accessible areas, Solar Photo Voltaic (SPV) based standalone systems with power packs of 200 to 300 Watt with battery backup, maximum of five LED lights, one DC Fan, one DC power plug along with repair and maintenance for five years would be provided.

6. Is there any fee or charges payable by the household for obtaining electricity connection under Saubhagya ?

No, there is no upfront fee or charges for obtaining electricity connection under Saubhagya. Non-poor households will have to pay 10 installments of Rs. 50 each along with the bill each month (total Rs. 500).

7. How one can apply for electricity connection under Saubhagya?

DISCOM of the area would organize camps in villages / cluster of villages and prior information about such camps would be widely publicized. Applicants need to simply approach DISCOM officials in the camp and the application for the connection shall be registered on spot. Electricity connection shall be released by the DISCOM after due verification, mostly on spot. In case, the applicant is not able to get information about the camp, they can also approach the nearest DISCOM office for necessary guidance.

8. What documents are required for application?

Any proof of identity like Voter ID / Passport / Driving License / Ration Card / Aadhaar Card etc. is sufficient to apply for electricity connection.

9. Does the applicant need to arrange any material like service cable, meter etc. from their side to get electricity connection?

No, nothing needs to be arranged by the households for electricity connection under Saubhagya. All requisite material(s) for providing connection would be provided by the DISCOM.

10. Does the applicant need to get internal wiring done for lighting / bulb points inside the house on their own?

Under Saubhagya, single point wiring along with a LED bulb, mobile charging points and switch etc. would also be provided and no cost on this account shall be charged by the DISCOM.

11. Can a household use all kind of electrical appliances like fan, cooler, television, refrigerator, mixer/grinder etc. with the electricity connection provided under Saubhagya?

Under Saubhagya, single point wiring along with a LED bulb, mobile charging points and switch etc. would be provided and no cost on this account shall be charged by the DISCOM. However, if the household desires to use more power points, the additional wiring and appliances etc. would have to be arranged by the household itself. Every household and consumer shall have to pay for the consumption as per the tariff of the DISCOM.

12. Does the free electricity connection also include free power for consumption?

No. There is no provision in the scheme to provide free power to any category of consumers. The cost of electricity consumption shall have to be paid by the respective consumers as per prevailing tariff of the DISCOM based on metered consumption.

13. If a household had an electricity connection in the past which was disconnected, can they get a new connection under Saubhagya?

If the earlier connection was disconnected due to default in payment of electricity bill and dues are still outstanding or not paid till date, an applicant will not be eligible to get new connection under Saubhagya.

14. An applicant's house is located in a corner of the village/town where the electricity line is not available. Can they get free electricity connection under Saubhagya?

There is provision under Saubhagya to also provide last mile connectivity to remaining un-electrified households like erection of pole, conductor etc. and connection can be released to such households in accordance with scheme guidelines. On submission of application for the connection, the DISCOM officials would visit the site to find out additional electricity infrastructure needed for releasing electricity connection for your house.

15. What are the criteria for allocation of funds to the States?

Projects under the scheme would be sanctioned based on the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) to be submitted by the States. There is no upfront allocation of fund under the scheme.

16. Where can one see details regarding the progress of Saubhagya Scheme?

Details regarding the progress of the Saubhagya Scheme can be seen [here](#).

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