



Union Minister of State Shripad Yesso Naik Interacts with Beneficiaries of PM-KUSUM, PM-JANMAN and DA-JGUA

Government Committed to Inclusive Development and Last-Mile Delivery in Underserved Regions: Shripad Yesso Naik

Beneficiaries Share Experiences of Transformational Impact of Access to Electricity and Clean Energy

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On the eve of the 77th Republic Day, the Hon'ble Minister of State for Power and New & Renewable Energy Shri Shripad Yesso Naik interacted with beneficiaries of flagship schemes of Government of India, PM-JANMAN, DA-JGUA and PM-KUSUM, who have been specially invited to attend the Republic Day Celebration this year.

The interaction reflected the Government's steadfast commitment to inclusive development and last-mile delivery under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

During the interaction, beneficiaries from tribal and rural backgrounds shared firsthand experiences of how access to electricity and clean energy has transformed their daily lives, improving education outcomes, healthcare access, livelihoods, safety and overall dignity.

The Minister highlighted the significant progress achieved under **Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN)**, launched on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas in November 2023 to electrify households belonging to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). Out of around 1.43 lakh identified households, electrification has been completed in nearly 1.36 lakh homes, about 95% progress, through coordinated efforts of the Ministry of Power, State Governments and DISCOMs.

The Minister also outlined the progress under the **Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyaan (DA-JGUA)**, launched in October 2024 to extend development benefits to Scheduled Tribe habitations. Under this scheme, a central grant of ₹4,203 crore has been sanctioned for electrification of over 2.83 lakh households and more than 4,200 public places, with around 56,000 households already electrified. Special relaxations in cost norms have been provided to ensure electrification of remote and previously unconnected habitations.

The Minister also underscored the transformative impact of the **PM-KUSUM** scheme, the world's largest programme for solarisation of agriculture. To date, 10.4 GW of solar capacity has been installed, over 21.7 lakh solar pumps have been deployed, benefiting more than 21 lakh farmers, leading to substantial reduction in diesel consumption and carbon emissions.

The Minister also made a brief reference to the **PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana**, highlighting its role in enabling households to access affordable rooftop solar power, reduce electricity bills and move towards energy self-reliance.

A total of 249 beneficiaries of the above schemes from 15 States across the country have been invited to participate in the Republic Day celebrations. The 3 day programme in Delhi has commenced with the interaction with the Hon'ble Minister.

The interaction concluded with the Minister reiterating that beneficiary feedback is central to improving implementation and ensuring that the fruits of development reach every citizen, especially those living in the most remote and underserved regions of the country.

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