

Pradhan mantri Sahaj Bijli har ghar yojana

- This scheme, launched on September 25, 2017
- It's to provide energy access to all by last mile connectivity and electricity connections to all remaining un-electrified households in rural as well as urban areas to achieve universal household electrification in the country. Scheme aims to achieve 24x7 power for all by 2019 by providing electricity connection to each household across the country.

Benefits

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).
- Aadhaar number is not compulsory for obtaining electricity connection
- Under Saubhagya, electricity connections shall be released by drawing a service cable from the nearest pole to the household premise including erection of pole, conductor etc., if required
- It also covers installation of energy meter, single point wiring along with a LED bulb, mobile charging points and switch etc. at no cost to the user
- 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 based on metered consumption
- There is no provision in the scheme to provide free power to any category of consumers.
- For the households located at the remote and inaccessible areas where grid extension is not feasible or cost effective, SPV based stand-alone system shall be provided. Such households shall be provided 5 LED Bulbs, 1 DC fan and 1 DC Power plug free of cost.

Eligibility criteria

- All un-electrified households in rural areas as well as poor unelectrified households in urban areas are eligible for electricity connection as per the scheme guidelines.
- Citizen will not be eligible to get 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

How to apply

- DISCOM of the area would organize camps in villages/ cluster of villages and prior information about such camps would be widely publicized
- Citizens 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
- Information about the camp can also be sought by approaching the nearest DISCOM office for necessary guidance

Documents required

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

For Any Queries

Website –“Saubhagya.gov.in”

