

Manipur to enter club of fully electrified states by 2018



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[Manipur](#) is likely to become one of the states in the country to achieve 100 per cent electrification of households by 2018.

Power Minister Thongam Biswajit Singh on Wednesday stated that the entire [state](#) including the remote areas would be electrified by 2018.

The minister was speaking at the launch of Ujala (Unnat Jeevan by Affordable LEDs and Appliances) Yojana under 100 days programme of the Nongthombam Biren Singh headed government at Sangai Hall, Hotel [Imphal](#).

The function was jointly organized by [Manipur](#) State Power Distribution Company Limited and Energy Efficiency Service Limited.

Biswajit, who was [chief](#) guest of the event, said that Ujala Yojana is a good scheme initiated by the Central Government in 2015. He said that the scheme will help the [state](#)'s consumers in saving energy and income, apart from benefitting the environment by reducing emission of greenhouse gases.

He said, "Ujala Scheme will benefit the masses and that this will be implemented in all district of the [state](#), elaborating that the government's mission aims to bridge the gap between the hills and valley. Bringing development for both the hills and valley is the first step toward restoring peace in the [state](#)."

The minister said nearly 37 % of power is wasted in the [state](#) due to technical errors and used of naked wire, adding the Power Department will replace naked wire with AV cable wire to control wastage of power and that within 2018 the whole of [Manipur](#) will be electrified.

Biswajit sought people's cooperation for successful implementation of the Ujala Yojana Scheme. He also appealed to Energy Efficiency Service Limited to provide quality products so that consumers do not have any complaint in the future.

The function was attended by Chairman of [Manipur](#) Pollution Control Board and Khadi and Village Industry Board L Radhakishore, Parliamentary Secretary (PHE, Printing and Stationary, Horticulture & Soil [Conservation](#)) K Leishiyo and Chief Secretary, [Manipur](#) O Nabakishore Singh [as](#) president and guests of honour respectively.

Most of the speakers on the dais spoke about the benefit of the Ujala Yojana Scheme in terms of economy, energy and environment while appealing to consumers for availing its benefit. Ujala Yojana aims to promote efficient lighting, enhance awareness on using efficient equipment which reduces electricity bills and helps in preserving the environment.

The implementing agency, Energy Efficiency Service Limited is targeting to distribute [over 10](#) lakh LED bulbs and [2](#) lakh LED tubelights. Ujala Yojana would be able to make annual energy savings of 14 crore kilowatt. The annual savings in consumer electricity bills would be more than Rs 55 crore and the use of Ujala appliances will also result in reduction of 30 megawatt of peak demand, [as](#) well [as](#) an annual reduction of carbon dioxide emission by 1,12,000 tones.

In the first phase, Energy Efficiency Service Limited along with [Manipur State](#) Power Distribution Company Limited is going to distribute 80,000 LED bulbs and 20,000 Tube Lights. Under the Ujala scheme, consumers can buy quality 9 w LED bulbs at Rs 70 and 20 w LED tube lights at Rs 230 respectively. And each household in the [state](#) is eligible for purchasing of six 9w LED bulbs and two 20 w LED tube lights by providing a government recognized photo ID proof along with the electricity bill . In the first phase, these appliances will be available at four subdivisions of MSPDCL.

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