

Need for improvement in electricity distribution service in Jhansi and Lalitpur districts in Uttar Pradesh-Laid

SHRI ANURAG SHARMA (JHANSI): The Government of India has launched the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) with an objective to improve and strengthen the electricity distribution sector. The primary aim of this scheme is to enhance the operational efficiency and financial stability of electricity distribution companies (Discoms), ensuring that consumers receive reliable and high-quality power supply. As part of this initiative, the Government has earmarked a total expenditure of ₹3, 03,758 crores for a five-year period covering the fiscal years 2021-22 to 2025-26. Out of this allocated budget, ₹97,631 crores have been specifically designated as Government Budgetary Support (GBS). In the first phase of the scheme, regions such as Janpad Jhansi and Lalitpur were allocated amounts of ₹154.71 crores and ₹92.50 crores respectively, indicating targeted interventions in these areas. However, the Monte Carlo Company, which is responsible for executing the work in these regions, has yet to undertake the expected actions. This delay has raised concerns over the timely implementation of the planned improvements. Consequently, there is an urgent need to allocate adequate funds for a second phase proposal to ensure that the intended reforms can be realized, thereby meeting the objectives of improved service delivery and enhanced financial sustainability in the electricity distribution sector.