

State to start generating 34,500 MW in 2022: Min

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Lucknow: UP power minister Shrikant Sharma on Friday said that the state government managed to stop migration of people from the state by ensuring regular power supply to households in the last four years. The minister made the statement on the completion of four-year rule of BJP in the state.

The minister also announced that the power generation capacity of state would be scaled up from 26,937 MW at present to 34,500 MW in 2022.

Sharma said that while in the last four years, electricity connections were provided to maximum households, the state government was working towards achieving the aim of wheeling in round the clock power supply across the state. As on date, the state government was providing electricity supply

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as per the roster. Sharma said the rural areas were getting 54% more power than in the previous state government. Especially farmers were getting power supply for irrigation purpose between 7am and 5pm, he said. Sharma added that the state government gave more tubewell connections in comparison to previous Samajwadi Party government.

Lashing out at the previous state government for signing expensive power pur-

chase agreements, Sharma said that the power department was working towards lessening line losses and making arrangements for cheaper power supply. He further said that the transmission capacity of the state increased from 16,348 MW to 25,000 MW. At the same time, the import capacity has increased from 7,800 MW in 2016-17 to 14,600 MW at present.

Sharma said that the state government managed to meet the peak demand of nearly 23,800 MW, which was more than what was the case in the previous governments. He also underlined power department initiative to waive fixed charge of industrial and commercial consumers in the aftermath of novel coronavirus pandemic. He reiterated that the power department extended the One Time Settlement (OTS) scheme till March 31 in a bid to facilitate consumers.