



Power for All: Electricity Access Challenge in India

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World Bank Publications, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 256 x 178 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. India has been one of the world's leading developing countries in providing electricity to both rural and urban populations. The country's rural energy policies and institutions have contributed greatly to reducing the number of people globally who continue to lack access to electricity. By late 2012, the national electricity grid had reached 92 percent of India's rural villages, about 880 million people. Yet, owing mainly to its large population, India still has by far the world's largest number of households without electricity. About 311 million people still live without electricity, and they mostly reside in poor rural areas. Among these, 200 million live in villages that already have electricity. Less than half of all households in the poorest income group have electricity. Even among households that have electric service, hundreds of millions lack reliable supply, experiencing power cuts almost daily. Achieving universal access to electricity by 2030 is not financially prohibitive for India. The challenge of providing electricity for all is achievable, ensuring that India joins such countries as China and Brazil in reaching out to...



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