

S.No.	State	(Rs. Lakhs) Funds Earmarked for Panchayats
12.	Madhya Prd.	14085.42
13.	Maharashtra	12117.82
14.	Manipur	146.26
15.	Meghalaya	171.14
16.	Mizoram	72.10
17.	Nagaland	183.45
18.	Orissa	9017.58
19.	Punjab	697.02
20.	Rajasthan	5851.98
21.	Sikkim	66.79
22.	Tamil Nadu	10048.58
23.	Tripura	189.97
24.	Uttar Prd.	27089.03
25.	West Bengal	9961.44
26.	A&n Islands	67.53
27.	D&n Haveli	36.65
28.	Daman & Diu	21.59
29.	Lakshadweep	33.86
30.	Pondicherry	66.11
Total		143168.00

[Translation]

T & D Losses

*6. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had fixed target for checking the transmission and distribution losses of power during the Eighth Five year Plan;

(b) if so, the estimated percentage of transmission and distribution losses in the beginning and by the end of Eighth

Five Year Plan;

(c) whether the Government had also fixed annual targets to check such losses;

(d) if so, whether the Government have been able to bridge the losses; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Transmission and Distribution (T&D) losses at the beginning of Eighth Five Year Plan (1991-92) were 22.83% and as per present indications, these are likely to be of the order of about 20% by 1996-97.

(c) State Government had agreed in the Power Ministers Conference held in January, 1993 to reduce the T&D losses by 1% per annum.

(d) and (e). A reduction in the T&D losses of 1.42% has been achieved viz. from 22.83% in 1991-92 to 21.41% in 1993-94. Central Government has issued comprehensive guidelines, in connection with reduction of T&D losses for implementation by the State Power utilities, who have to take necessary measures to curtail loss of power during transmission and distribution in their respective systems.

[English]

IB Valley Power Project

*7. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the report that crores of rupees were padded up by an American Company AES, to the project cost for setting up to power project at IB Valley in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that fresh round of negotiations have started between the State Government of Orissa and AES in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE) : (a) and (b). The capital cost of Rs. 2075 crores, as initially

projected by the promoters was examined by CEA in August, 1994 and the techno-economic clearance for this project was given at a reduced capital cost not exceeding Rs. 1993.63 crores. This is only a ceiling cost and the State Government/SEB are at liberty to negotiate an even lower cost with the promoters.

(c) It is learnt that the Government of Orissa are discussing a new contract with the promoters. The promoters have informed that they have submitted a fresh proposal to the State Government which envisages reduction of capital cost by changing the configuration of the project.

(d) Does not arise.

Power Breakdown in Northern Grid

*8. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN :
SHRI RAM NAIK :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have enquired into the major power breakdown in northern and eastern grid including Maharashtra, which plunged most of Uttar Pradesh as well as many parts of Delhi and Rajasthan into darkness for several hours during first half of October, 1995;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE) : (a) and (b). There was no grid disturbance in the Eastern and Western Grids during the first half of Oct., 1995. However, the northern Grid had experienced a disturbance on 10th Oct., 1995, at about 22 :54 hours, which resulted in failure of power supply in UP and Rajasthan. The remaining parts of the Northern regional power system viz. Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, J&K and Chandigarh systems along with the Delhi system remained intact and continued to operate. Load shedding had however to be carried out in these systems due to loss of import of power from the UP system. All the generating units of UP along with Central Sector stations at Singrauli, Rihand, Dadri, Unchahar, Auriaya and Narora had tripped which resulted in a blackout in UP. Supply of Power to Railway Traction in UP was also interrupted. The operating units in the Rajasthan system including the Anta gas based power station of NTPC also tripped.