

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2545
ANSWERED ON 22.12.2022**

POWER CRISIS IN PUNJAB

2545. SHRIMATI HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL:

**Will the Minister of POWER
be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the on-going power crisis in Punjab and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government is also aware of the long power outages being carried out because of shortage of power in Punjab and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has asked the State Government of Punjab to install pre-paid power meters and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether other central assistance would be proposed to the State of Punjab and if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Government is aware of the fact that State Electricity Department do not have sufficient funds to operate power plants in the State which are shutting down and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) whether the Government proposes to help the State of Punjab to come out of the crisis and if so, the details thereof?**

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) & (b) : As per the Power Supply Position prepared by the Central Electricity Authority for the State of Punjab for the last three years and the current year, given at Annexure-I, the overall power supply position in the State of Punjab is comfortable.

(c) : Government of India launched Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) in July, 2021 under which financial assistance is being provided to the eligible DISCOMs including Punjab for installation of pre-paid smart meters and system metering with communication features by March 2025. The number of prepaid meters for consumers approved for Punjab under RDSS is 8,784,807. The installation of meters including pre-prepaid smart meters falls under the purview of respective Distribution Companies (DISCOMs).

(d) : Under ongoing RDSS Scheme, funding is being provided for upgradation of distribution infrastructure including IT intervention like Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA/DMS) etc. in addition to smart metering works. For State of Punjab, under distribution infrastructure works for loss reduction projects of estimated cost of Rs.3,873.37 Cr. have been sanctioned with a Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) of Rs.2340.2 Cr.

(e) & (f) : The details of Program v/s Actual Generation of electricity in Punjab during the current year 2022-23 (upto October, 2022), are given at Annexure-II. Total electricity generation in Punjab from State Sector Power Plants (Thermal and Hydro) is more than 100% of Generation Program for 2022-23 (upto October, 2022). As, electricity being a concurrent subject, supply and distribution of electricity in a State/UT including Punjab is within the purview of the respective State Government/Power Utility. Making arrangement of appropriate quantum of power from various sources to meet the demand of various type of electricity consumers in any State/UT is in the jurisdiction of the concerned State Government/Power Utilities. The Central Government supports the State Governments by establishing power plants in Central Sector through Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) and allocating power from them to the various States / UTs.

Further, the Central Government also supplements the efforts of the States through its various schemes including Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) and Ujjwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) to help them to achieve the objective of providing uninterrupted power supply to all households.

ANNEXURE-I**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2545 ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 22.12.2022**

The details of Actual Power Supply Position of Punjab for the last three years i.e. from 2019-20 to 2021-22 and the current year i.e. 2022-23 (upto November, 2022)

Year	ENERGY [in Million Units (MU)]		
	Energy Requirement	Energy Supplied	Energy not Supplied
	(MU)	(MU)	(%)
2019-20	56,776	56,770	0.0
2020-21	58,445	58,377	0.1
2021-22	62,846	62,411	0.7
2022-23 (upto November, 2022)	52,207	52,028	0.3

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (e) & (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2545 ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 22.12.2022

The details of Program v/s Actual Generation of electricity in Punjab during current year i.e. 2022-23 (upto October, 2022)

State Sector Plants	Energy Generation for 2022-23 [in Million Units (MU)]		
	Program	Actual	% of Program
Thermal	3,732	4,180	112 %
Hydro	2,225	2,025	91 %
Total	5,957	6,205	104 %
