

New Pricing Policy for Energy

987. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL:
SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new pricing policy for energy is being examined by Government;

(b) if so, whether the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices had suggested sweeping changes in the country's energy policy; and

(c) if so, the main decisions in formulating the policy and the time by which a final policy is likely to be prepared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c). The Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) had suggested, inter alia, a policy orientation towards substitution of coal by a greater use of hydrocarbons such as fuel oil and natural gas as the primary energy source. According to BICP, the cost of production and transportation of domestic coal has been rapidly increasing and its quality has been deteriorating.

The Planning Commission has initiated a study on long-term energy modelling and Government would take a view in the matter the result of the Planning Commission's study is available.

National Perspective Power Transmission Plan

988. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL:
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Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Electricity Authority has formulated a national perspective power transmission plan;

(b) if so, the main features of the proposed transmission plan and the total amount that will be required for its implementation; and

(c) the extent to which the power shortage will be improved and the projects that will be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Electricity Authority's 'Perspective transmission plan upto the year 1999-2000 A.D., on a Regional as well as All-India basis, brings out the broad trends in which the transmission system is likely to emerge subject to certain load and generation scenarios. The total requirement of funds has been assessed at about Rs. 32,000 crores during the Eighth Plan, and about Rs. 36,000 crores during the Ninth Plan period.

(c) Construction of Extra High Voltage transmission lines, alongwith the corresponding sub-transmission and distribution networks, as envisaged in CEA's perspective plan, would facilitate the optimum utilisation of the Power resources in the country.

Chari Report

989. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether K.S.R. Chari's report on Issues in coal has been examined by Government;

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the Chari Report;