

Regarding power situation in Jammu and Kashmir-laid

SHRI HASNAIN MASOODI (ANANTNAG): Kashmir Province is grappling with an acute shortage of electricity, adversely affecting the lives of more than 70 lakh people. This power crisis, described as "one of the worst" in Kashmir, is also hampering economic activities. Reports indicate that Kashmir requires 1800 MW of power to sustain a 16-hour daily electricity supply and 2200 to 2300 MW for round-the-clock supply. However, the Power Development Department (PDD) this winter is managing to produce only 50?100 MWs a day as opposed to 200?250 MWs in the past. The problem of acute power shortages has resulted in substantial power cuts lasting from 8 to 16 hours. With households enduring the bitter winter cold due to insufficient heating and hospitals facing critical challenges in maintaining essential services, the repercussions of the power crisis have become even more severe. Additionally, several NHPC projects established in J&K generated a huge amount of revenue. It is time that the projects are utilized for the benefit of the Local population now. Therefore, in light of these circumstances, I urge upon the Government to take immediate and effective measures to address this issue and ensure uninterrupted power supply necessary for the well-being of the people in Jammu and Kashmir.