

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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GAP BETWEEN DEMAND AND SUPPLY

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

- (a) whether the Government had called a meeting to bridge the growing gap between demand and supply of power in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the issues discussed and decisions taken therein; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the requirement of power in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER ( SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA )

(a) to (d): A meeting was held by Secretary, Ministry of Power to review the Ninth Plan capacity addition programme with the officers of Central Electricity Authority and Central Sector Power Utilities. The status of various projects to be commissioned during the Ninth Plan was reviewed and discussed in the meeting. The projects which have become critical and required special efforts for their timely completion were earmarked for monitoring by CPSUs .

The various steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the requirement of power in the country are given below:-

- (i) Expeditious implementation of capacity addition programme. Various task forces have been set up in the Ministry for timely implementation of power projects.
- (ii) Promotion of measures for energy efficiency and demand side management.
- (iii) Renovation and Modernisation of old existing generating units.
- (iv) Disbursement of loans by Power Finance Corporation for improving operation and maintenance of thermal power stations under the accelerated generation programme.
- (v) Promotion of power trading and inter-state and inter-regional power transfers.
- (vi) Coordinated operation of hydro, thermal, nuclear and gas turbine power stations in the regional power system.
- (vii) Augmentation of transmission, transformation capacity in the power system and installation of shunt capacitors to improve the voltage.
- (viii) Reduction of transmission and distribution losses.
- (ix) Improving the viability of State Electricity Boards through power sector reforms.