

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3922
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PRIVATISATION OF SEBS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to privatise the loss making SEBs in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): It was resolved in the Power Ministers` Conference held on 26.2.2000 that reforms must be undertaken with determination, vigour and a sense of urgency. The key elements of the reforms strategy are:-

- (a) Energy Audit at all levels.
- (b) Time bound programme of 100% metering of all consumers by December, 2001.
- (c) Reduction and finally, elimination of power theft within a specified time frame.
- (d) Strengthening/upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution system by taking sub-station as an unit on a priority basis.

If the above appears unattainable in the existing set up, corporatization/cooperatization/privatisation of distribution, would have to be undertaken.