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ACCELERATED POWER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have cleared the accelerated power development programme to meet the shortage of electricity;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the total amount proposed to be spent on this programme;
- (d) the time by which the said programme is likely to be launched; and
- (e) the extent to which the power generation is likely to be increased as a result thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) : Government of India has approved Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP) in November, 2000, with the outlay of Rs.1000 crores for 2000- 2001. APDP will continue till the year 2012 with enhanced outlay from the year 2001-02 onwards. APDP will finance projects relating to :-

(i) Renovation & Modernisation/Life Extension/Uprating of existing old generating stations, costing less than Rs.100 crores; and

(ii) Upgradation of sub-transmission & distribution network including energy accounting and metering in the distribution circles in a phased manner. During the current year, based on projects received from non-special category States and after joint appraisal conducted by CEA, PFC and REQ projects, worth Rs.1588 crores relating to R&M and Upgradation of Sub-transmission & distribution have already been approved. APDP provides only 50% of the project cost. On this basis, Ministry of Finance has been recommended to release Rs.794 crores as advance Central Plan Assistance to the States. Some projects including those received from Special Category States are being processed for approval.

APDP is to finance R&M/LE of old generating stations and upgradation of sub- transmission & distribution network. Out of Rs.794.82 crores, Rs.340.18 crores (50% of the project cost) have been approved for R&M projects. Implementation of these projects would result in improvement in operational efficiency of these power stations. Under phase-I of the programme, 50 distribution circles have been identified in consultation with the State Governments for implementation of projects relating to upgradation of sub- transmission & distribution network. Short-term and Long-term measures will be taken up in these circles for reduction of T&D losses (both technical & commercial losses). State Governments have been directed to prepare projects for strengthening the distribution system in the remaining distribution circles so that projects could be appraised and funded in a phased manner under APDP.