

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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POWER POLICY
SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to evolve a comprehensive Power Policy for the power projects;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether the single window clearance of power projects would also be dealt with therein; and
- (d) if so, the details in this connection?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : An Energy Policy Committee had been set up in the Planning Commission under the Chairmanship of Member Secretary, Planning Commission on 25.8.1995 to recommend an outline of the Energy Policy for the next 15-20 years. The Committee was, at a later stage, chaired by Member (Energy), Planning Commission. The other members of the Committee include Secretaries to the Government of India in the Ministries of Power, Coal, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Non-Conventional Energy Sources, Environment and Forests, Department of Atomic Energy, Chairman, Power Finance Corporation, Director, Tata Energy Research Institute, Director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Developmental Research, Secretary General, Confederation of Indian Industry and Adviser (Energy), Planning Commission as Member Secretary.

The Committee has held nine meetings so far and various issues relating to the present energy scenario, future demand and policy issues have been discussed in detail during these meetings. The Committee is in the process of finalising its report.

(c) & (d) : The Energy Policy Committee does not deal with issues of single window clearance but only highlights the policy issues which need to be pursued in the energy sector.