

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2827
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SHORTAGE OF POWER IN KARNATAKA
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that Karnataka is facing acute shortage of power and load shedding has increased tremendously throughout the State particularly in the rural areas;
- (b) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested the Union Government to come to the rescue of the State by providing power from the Central Grid; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) : The power supply position in the State of Karnataka in the month of June, 2002 and during the period April-June, 2002 is given below :-

Energy (MU) June, 2002 April-June, 2002

Requirement	2194	7717
Availability	1957	6797
Shortage	237	920
%	10.8	11.9

Peak (MW) June, 2002 April-June, 2002

Peak Demand	4545	5289
Peak met	3559	4346
Deficit	986	943
%	21.7	17.8

No statutory power cuts were enforced in Karnataka during June, 2002. However, three phase power supply to agriculture sector/rural areas has been restricted to 8 hours per day.

(b) : Yes, Sir.

(c) : The allocation to Karnataka was enhanced by 60 MW from unallocated quota of Central Sector stations in Southern Region and by 50 MW from unallocated quota in NTPC stations in Eastern Region with effect from 4th May, 2002. Karnataka was also advised to tie-up with NTPC for supply of 100 MW from Kayamkulam gas station.

Minister of Power is also holding a meeting of Power Ministers of the States at New Delhi on 5.8.2002 to review the situation arising out of inadequate rainfall in the country and to prepare an action plan to meet the shortfall in hydel generation.