

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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POWER PURCHASED BY INDIA FROM NEPAL
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Nepal has offered to sell electricity to power-starved northern Indian States;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has accepted this offer;
- (c) if so, whether any agreement has been reached between the two countries; and
- (d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) : The power exchange between India and Nepal, at present, is of the order of about 100 MW with Nepal as net importer of power from India. However, with the commissioning of the Kaligandaki project (144 MW), Nepal has offered to sell some surplus power to India. The Power Trading Corporation which has been appointed as nodal agency on Indian side is interacting with the Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) to explore the possibility of purchase of surplus power on mutually acceptable terms.