

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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SELF SUFFICIENCY IN POWER GENERATION
AVTAR SINGH BHADANA;JAI BHADRA SINGH

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the factors responsible for the non-attainment of sufficiency in power generation in the country;
- (b) whether the Government propose to issue any directives to State Governments to undertake the task of co-generation in industries on a continuing basis in view of the prevailing power shortage in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : The factors responsible for non-attainment of sufficiency in power generation in the country are:-

- Difficulties in exploitation of hydro potential such as geological surprises,
- Infrastructure inadequacy in development of gas, LNG terminals, port handling facilities,
- Delay in obtaining Environment and Forests clearance.
- Factors causing delay in execution of projects such as delayed financial closures of private sector projects, non-availability of Escrow cover, paucity of funds for public sector projects, delay in land acquisition, delay in investment decisions, Resettlement and Rehabilitation problems, law and order problems, contractual problems, delay in placement of orders, failure to provide project inputs in time, delay in supply of plant and equipment, lack of supply of quality equipment, delivery of non-sequential supplies and inter-State disputes in respect of hydro projects.

(b) & (c) : The Government had issued detailed guidelines in October, 1995 to promote captive and cogeneration power plants. The State Governments including Uttar Pradesh were requested to accord high priority for setting up these plants. The Government has also requested the states vide their letter and Resolution of 6th November, 1996 to create an institutional mechanism which may allow co-generation power units an easy and automatic entry into the power sector by quickly clearing applications for such proposals.