

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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POWER CUTS IN KARNATAKA
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a acute shortage of power in Karnataka; and
(b) if so, the steps are being taken by the Union Government to provide more power for Karnataka?

Answer

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

(a) : The power supply position in Karnataka during April-October 2003 was as under:

Energy (MU)	Peak (MW)
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Requirement	19716	Peak Demand	6213
Availability	16684	Peak Met	4913
Shortage	3032	Deficit	1300
Percentage (%)	15.4	Percentage (%)	20.9

(b) : Electricity is a concurrent subject. Supply and distribution of electricity in a State is the responsibility of the State Government/State Power Utility concerned. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Government by way of generation capacity addition through the Central Public Sector Undertakings. Karnataka has a firm allocation of 727 MW in Central Generating Stations (CGS) in Southern Region and 396 MW in Talcher STPS Stage-II (4x500 MW) in Eastern Region. In addition, Karnataka has been allocated 237 MW from unallocated quota of CGS in Southern region and 100 MW from unallocated/surrendered share of NTPC stations in Eastern Region in order to bridge gap between demand and supply in the State.