GOVERNMENT OF INDIA POWER LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1612
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REVIVAL OF DABHOL POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are considering any proposal to revive the Dabhol Power Project;
- (b) if so, whether three pronged strategy has been put forward by U.S. based companies to restart DPC;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government of Maharashtra has also submitted a proposal to restart the Dabhol Power Project; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, indicating the power tariff payable by the Government of Maharashtra, Union Government organizations, the consumers and the financial viability of the project?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): Since closure of the Dabhol power project in May, 2001 following contractual disputes between the Maharashtra State Electricity Board and M/s. Dabhol Power Company, numerous efforts have been made to facilitate revival of the project by the Ministry of Power, Ministry of Finance, Industrial Development Bank of India (IDB) and Government of Maharashtra (GOM). The latest initiative has been the constitution of an Informal Advisory Committee (IAC) by the Ministry of Finance to evolve a strategy to trestructure and revive the project. The Ministry of Finance have informed that the Committee has discussed the various issues with the concerned stake holders and is considering alternative approaches to restructure and revive the project. A specific proposal has not yet been finalized in this regard.