

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3369
ANSWERED ON:05.02.2004
PRIVATISATION OF POWER GRID TRANSMISSION LINES
UTTAMRAO DEORAO PATIL

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has been seriously considering privatization of PowerGrid Transmission lines and also to those State Electricity Boards which are not working satisfactorily;
- (b) if so, the details of such Power Grid Transmission lines and SEBs to which Government propose to privatize;
- (c) whether the corruption in power sector has also become rampant; and
- (d) if so, the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : There is no proposal to privatize existing transmission lines of POWERGRID. However, in order to augment its capability, POWERGRID is securing private sector investment in construction of new transmission lines/inter-connections.

POWERGRID has formed a Joint Venture with M/s. TATA Power for implementing certain transmission lines under Transmission System associated with Tala HEP, East-North Interconnector and Northern Region Transmission System. POWERGRID has also identified a pilot project i.e. Bina-Nagda-Dehgam Transmission line for implementation under Independent Power Transmission Company (IPTC) route.

Privatization of distribution of electricity by the States is one of the options envisaged for bringing about a turnaround in distribution.

(c) : No Sir.

(d) : Does not arise.