

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4662
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PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY FROM PAKISTAN
TUFANI SAROJ

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether about four years ago Pakistan had offered to sell two thousand MW electricity to India;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that lack of cordial relations with Pakistan failed the proposed electricity deal;
- (c) if so, whether this issue was talked on with Pakistan during the Agra Summit; and
- (d) if so, the results thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Pakistan had offered to sell electricity to India about four years ago. Two rounds of discussion were held on power import from Pakistan. During the second round of discussion in January, 1999, Government of Pakistan confirmed availability of 300 MW of power for export to India for next ten years which could be increased to 600 MW as per availability during certain periods of time, depending upon technical limits of the system on either side. The methodology for arriving at tariff, rates and operating agreements for purchase of power was also discussed. However, no final decision has yet been taken in this regard.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d) : Does not arise in view of (c) above.