

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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PRIORITY OF POWER SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has listed five priorities in the power sector that would help to tackle power sector during 2004-05;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to implement these priorities effectively?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF POWER ( SHRI P.M. SAYEED )

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Rural Electrification is the top priority of the Government. The other priorities include :

- Addition to Generating Capacity. - Augmentation of National Transmission Network. - Power Sector Reform with emphasis on Distribution Reforms. - Energy Conservation.

(c) : The key measures to implement these priorities include :-

- New strategy for completing household electrification. - Strengthened monitoring mechanism through nodal officers for each generation project. - Advance planning/action for 11th Plan Power Projects.
  - Full development of feasible hydro potential of the country.
  - Planned expansion of transmission network to achieve inter-regional power transfer capacity of 30000 MW by year 2012.
  - Promotion of competition, protection of consumers` interests and transparent policies regarding subsidies as provided in the Electricity Act.
- Focus on Aggregate Technical and Commercial (ATC) loss reduction through appropriate investment and better governance. The Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) aims at this.