

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:487  
ANSWERED ON:25.11.2005  
STATE ELECTRICITY BOARDS  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether power utilities in 11 States including Assam, Gujarat, Maharashtra and West Bengal have managed to reduce commercial losses due to power reforms;
- (b) if so, whether some States have also managed to do so without increasing tariffs;
- (c) whether the Southern States such as Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala have effected the highest reduction in losses in revenue terms;
- (d) if so, the amount of revenue losses reduced by these States, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the power situation in these States?

**Answer**

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

(a) : The trend of increasing commercial losses of Power Utilities has been arrested after 2001-02. The commercial losses (without subsidy) in State Electricity Boards had increased from Rs.4,560 crores during 1992-93 to Rs.25,259 crores during 2000-01. According to data compiled by Power Finance Corporation, the losses of Utilities have reduced from Rs.27,068 crores in 2001-02 to Rs.20,623 crores in 2003-04.

(b) : The States of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa have not increased the tariff during the last three years.

(c)&(d) : The details of commercial losses in various States is given in annexure.

The States of Goa, Meghalaya, Orissa and Pondicherry have earned profits in the year 2003-04. The State of Chhattisgarh has earned profits during the years 2001- 02, 2002-03 and 2003-04. It can be seen that the States of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and West Bengal have been able to reduce their Commercial Losses.

(e) : The following major initiative have been taken by the Government of India to improve the power situation in the country:

(i) A capacity addition of 41,110 MW has been targeted for 10th Five Year Plan consisting of 22,832 MW in Central Sector, 11,157 in State Sector and 7,121 MW in Private Sector with the component of hydro, thermal and nuclear being 14,393 MW, 25,417 MW and 1,300 MW respectively.

(ii) Maximization of generation and increase in plant load factor (PLF) of thermal power stations.

(iii) Early stabilization of newly commissioned units.

(iv) Exploitation of hydro potential at a faster pace.

(v) Renovation, modernization and life extension of old and inefficient generating units with interest subsidy on loans by the Power Finance Corporation.

(vi) Tapping of surplus power from captive power plants.

(vii) Enhancement of inter-state and inter-regional power by strengthening of inter- regional transmission links eventually leading to formation of National Grid.

(viii) Strengthening/augmentation of sub-transmission & distribution system.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 487 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 25.11.2005.

STATE WISE DETAILS OF COMMERCIAL PROFIT/LOSS OF POWER UTILITIES

(Rs.Crore)

Sl. No.	SEBs	2001-02 In 2002-03 from 2001-02	2002-03 In 2003-04 from 2002-03	2003-04	Loss reduction (-)/increase	(-)/increase
1.	Andhra Pradesh	-2948	-1209	-1400	-1739	191
2.	Assam	-696	-776	-655	80	-121
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	-93	-117	-82	24	-35
4.	Bihar	-896	-1095	-980	199	-115
5.	Chhattisgarh	204	792	587	#	
6.	Delhi	NA	-733	-1774	-	1041
7.	Goa	-7	130	153	#	
8.	Gujarat	-3102	-2250	-3020	-852	770
9.	Haryana	-947	-804	-769	-143	-35
10.	Himachal Pradesh	-107	-53	-46	-54	-7
11.	Jharkhand	-255	-397	-522	142	125
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	35	-1242	-1229	1277	-13
13.	Karnataka	-1844	-1567	-1235	-277	-332
14.	Kerala	-1254	-935	-915	-319	-20
15.	Madhya Pradesh	-1347	-822	-1230	-525	408
16.	Maharashtra	-540	-255	-549	-285	294
17.	Manipur	-129	-128	-125	-1	-3
18.	Meghalaya	-38	-19	64	-19	
19.	Mizoram	-30	-34	-49	4	15
20.	Nagaland	-52	-55	-42	3	-13
21.	Orissa	-252	-928	215	676	
22.	Punjab	-1868	-1386	-663	-482	-723
23.	Pondicherry	-44	34	38	#	
24.	Rajasthan	-1324	-1738	-1777	414	39
25.	Sikkim	-10	-30	-15	20	-15
26.	Tamil Nadu	-5175	-2100	-1416	-3075	-684
27.	Tripura	-100	-94	-5	-6	-89
28.	Uttar Pradesh	-2518	-2374	-2848	-144	474
29.	Uttaranchal	-27	32	-35	#	67
30.	West Bengal	-1705	-914	-296	-791	-618
	Total	-27068	-21064	-20623		

# Earned profits

Source: 'Report on the Performance of the State Power Utilities for the Years 2001-02 to 2003-04' by Power Finance Corporation.