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SLOW GROWTH IN POWER SECTOR

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India`s growth in the power sector is very slow as compared to other Asian countries;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the growth of power sector at par with other Asian countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI)

(a) & (b) : As per World Energy Outlook, 2004 published by International Energy Agency (IEA), India with the generation of 598 Billion Unit was the sixth largest electricity market in the world and China with 1675 Billion Unit of Generation stand second. The report has further projected that by 2030 India is likely to be the third largest electricity market. During 2000-2005 India recorded the generation growth of 4.86%. Comparable data for the other Asian Countries is not been compiled by IEA.

(c) : The National Electricity Policy envisages accelerated power development to eliminate both energy and peaking shortages and the creation of a spinning reserve 2012. The Central Electricity Authority had estimated the need for capacity addition of over 1,00,000 MW during 10th and 11th Plan.