

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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TRIPPING OF TRANSMISSION LINES
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is frequent Grid failure and tripping of transmission lines in the country;
- (b) if so, the main factors therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to constitute any committee for this;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b): No grid failure has occurred in the country during 2008-09.

However, partial grid disturbances occurred in the Northern Region on 7th and 9th March,2008 when a large number of high voltage power transmission lines tripped prima facie due to unusual weather pattern and pollution in the region. Unprecedented fog and high humidity coupled with high levels of pollution,further aggravated by the absence of winter rains resulted in trippings of transmission lines.

(c) & (d): A committee has been constituted by the Central Electricity Authority,to enquire into these grid incidents and to suggest remedial measures.The report of the committee is under finalization.