

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SHORTAGE OF POWER

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the generation of power during November, 2008 was less as compared to its generation in November, 2007;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of demand and supply of power during the said period, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/likely to be taken by the Government to bridge the gap between demand and supply of power in the country?

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) : No, Sir.

(b) : Does not arise in view of answer to part (a) above.

(c) : The State-wise actual power supply position both in terms of energy and peak during the month of November, 2008 and corresponding period of last year is enclosed as Annex.

(d) : The following steps have been taken/are being taken by the Government to enhance power generation:

(i) Enhancing generation from the available sources including utilization of the unrequisioned capacity of gas based power stations on liquid fuel.

(ii) Rigorous monitoring of capacity addition of the ongoing power generation projects proposed in the 11th Plan.

(iii) Import coal to bridge the gap between domestic availability and requirement of coal.

(iv) A capacity addition target of 78,700 MW during the 11th Plan has been set by the Planning Commission, out of which projects aggregating 11,937 MW have been commissioned till 31st January, 2009 and the balance capacity is under construction.

(v) Development of Ultra Mega Power Projects of 4000 MW each to reap benefits of economies of scale.

(vi) Harnessing surplus captive power into Grid.

(vii) Taking up new hydro power projects in Bhutan for import of power into India.

(viii) Renovation, modernization and life extension of old and inefficient generation units.

(ix) Strengthening of inter-state and inter-regional transmission capacity for transfer of power from surplus to deficit areas.

(x) Strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution network through Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) as a major step towards loss reduction.

(xi) Promoting demand side management, energy efficiency and energy conservation measures.