

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER IN POWER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of manpower in the power sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) to meet the shortage of skilled manpower in the power sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

(a) to (d): There is no shortage of manpower of required qualification in any category, technical or non- technical in the country considering the numbers passing out of the existing schools, colleges and other institutions each year. However, there are shortcomings in the skill set of ITI trained skilled workers for utilization of their services in the power sector. To overcome these, Ministry of Power and Central Electricity Authority (CEA) have taken initiative under 'Adopt an ITI' scheme since July 2007. Under this scheme, ITIs are being adopted by power sector CPSUs and Private Project developers under Public Private Partnership scheme of the Directorate General of Employment and Training, Ministry of Labour and Employment to invest in augmentation and up-gradation of the training assets of ITIs around their project areas, especially in respect of trades that are relevant to the power industry.