

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF POWER
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of power during peak period in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, state-wise;
- (c) whether the per capita consumption of electricity is likely to increase in the next two years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : There is overall shortage of power in the country. During the current year (April –May, 2009), the energy and peak shortage in the country was of the order of 13,609 Million Units (10%) and 13,603 Mega Watt (12.3%) respectively. The state-wise details in this regard are annexed.

(c) & (d) : The per capita consumption of electricity is likely to increase in the next two years depending upon the power supply position, consumer usage pattern and new generating capacity additions in the system. The steps taken by the Government in this regard include capacity addition target of 78,700 MW from conventional energy sources, capacity addition target of 14,000 MW from new and renewable sources and addition of 12,000 MW of captive generation.