

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL POWER TO ORISSA

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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the State Government of Orissa has sent any proposal to the Union Government for providing additional power from the unallocated share of power of the central generating stations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon;
- (c) whether the State has requested for allocation of 500 MW of power from the National Thermal Power Corporation's Kaniha stage-II power project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government for the development of power sector in the State so as to meet the shortage of power in the State?

**Answer**

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

(a) : Government of Orissa had in March, 2010 requested Ministry of Power to consider additional allocation of 500 MW of round-the-clock power from the unallocated power of the central generating stations.

(b) : The 15% unallocated power in Central Generating Stations (CGSs), kept at the disposal of the Central Government, is allocated from time to time keeping in view the emergent and seasonal nature of the requirement, the relative power supply position, utilization of available power resources, operational and payment performance, etc. As most of the States and UTs in the country have been facing power shortages, various States/UTs request for additional allocation of unallocated power of CGSs from time to time. The quantum of unallocated power in the CGSs being limited, it can only supplement the power available from other sources. Further, at any point of time the entire unallocated power of Central Generating Stations remains allocated to the States/UTs, enhancement in allocation of any State/UT is feasible only by way of equivalent reduction in the allocation of other State (s)/UT(s). At present, out of total allocation of 1544 MW to Orissa, 22 MW power has been allocated from the unallocated power of CGSs of Eastern Region and hydro power stations located in Bhutan. Orissa has been facing marginal energy shortage and peak shortage during the current financial year; the shortage in June, 2010 being 0.5% (energy) and 0.6% (peak), which is lower than the shortages being faced by most of the other constituent states of the region/country. Further, Orissa is having hydro installed capacity of 1935 MW from its hydro power stations. Additional allocation of unallocated power from the central generating stations to Orissa has, therefore, not been considered.

(c) & (d): The Government of Orissa has requested for allocation of 500 MW of power from the NTPC's Kaniha Stage-II power project. The power from the project had already been allocated to Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Orissa by Ministry of Power in April, 2007.

(e): Following steps have been taken/are being taken by the Government to augment power generation in the country so as to meet the shortage of power in the country :-

- (i) Rigorous monitoring of capacity addition of the on-going generation projects.
- (ii) Coordinated operation and maintenance of hydro, thermal, nuclear and gas based power stations to optimally utilize the existing generation capacity.
- (iii) Thrust to import of coal to meet the shortfall in coal supplies to thermal power stations from indigenous sources.
- (iv) Allocation of gas from KG Basin (D6) has been made for gas based power stations in the country.
- (v) Tapping of surplus power from captive power plants.
- (vi) Development of Ultra Mega Power Projects of 4000 MW each to reap benefits of economies of scale.

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

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