

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3341
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SUPPLY OF FREE POWER
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to restrict supply of free power to the States from the power projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the views of the different stakeholders in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : As per the new Hydro Power Policy 2008, there is a provision to provide 12% free power to the host State Government from a hydro-electric project. This free power has been supplemented with additional 1% free power to the State Government, which has to be earmarked for Local Area Development Fund. At present, there is no proposal for restricting the supply of free power to the host State Government.

(c) & (d) : Do not arise.