

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4455  
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DEMAND-SUPPLY GAP OF POWER  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the demand and supply gap of power is maximum in the State of Bihar in comparison to other States in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the assistance being provided or proposed to be provided by the Union Government to bring the gap between demand and supply in the State at par with National level?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : Bihar has witnessed energy shortage of 16.9% and peak shortage of 30% during the current financial year (April to July, 2010). While the energy shortage in Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir was more than the percentage shortage in Bihar, peak shortage in Bihar was maximum. The state-wise details of power supply position in the country during April to July, 2010 are Annexed.

(c) : Electricity being a concurrent subject, supply and distribution of electricity in a State as per demand is primarily under the purview of the State Government /State Power Utility concerned. Government of India only supplements the efforts of State Government(s) by commissioning power projects and bulk transmission system through Central Public Sector Undertakings. Bihar has been provided 1647 to 1693 MW power from Central Generating Stations, at present, which is highest among the constituents of Eastern Region and the energy scheduled from Central Generating Stations to Bihar constitute about 95% of the total energy availability in the State.