GOVERNMENT OF INDIA POWER LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:826 ANSWERED ON:12.11.2010 POWER SECTOR DEBT FUND Kumar Shri P.

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to form `50,000 crore power sector debt fund in an attempt to bridge a funding short fall in this sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposed fund is likely to raise low cost long term resources for re-financing power projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) : There is a Committee on Long Term Infrastructure Debt (India Infrastructure Debt Fund) under the Planning Commission. It is chaired by Shri Deepak Parekh, Chairman IDFC. Its members are mentioned in the list at Annex. In one of the meetings, the Chairman had offered to head a Group/Committee for creating separate long term infrastructure fund for meeting the requirement of power sector. For this, a concept paper on India Power Debt Fund has been prepared suggesting the creation of a `50,000 crore debt fund that would raise low-cost long-term resources for re-financing power projects that have passed the construction stage and associated risks. The concept paper is to be examined in depth and would require approval / clearance by concerned Ministries / Departments.