

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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FDI IN POWER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide opportunities to the tune of 300 billion dollars to the foreign investors to make them invest in the power sector in India regarding which a meeting of the forum for investment in India had been held in India at which ways to tackle power shortage had been discussed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which power shortage is likely to be overcome all over the country with details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : No meeting of the forum for investment in India was held in India. However, 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is permitted in power sector under automatic route.

(c) : Self sufficiency in power in the country would depend on growth in capacity addition vis-à-vis growth in demand for electricity. With the capacity addition of 62,374 MW during 11th Plan and the actual energy requirement and peak demand in March, 2012 turning out to be in line with forecast in the 17th Electric Power Survey, the energy as well as peaking shortage is expected to come down substantially from the prevailing level (April to October, 2010) of 9.2% and 10.1% respectively.