

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government provides assistance for conservation and energy efficiency in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of funds allocated to various States for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the details of funds utilized by various States during the above period;
- (d) the criteria fixed by the Union Government for allocation of funds for the said purpose; and
- (e) the action taken against the States which could not utilize the funds in time?

**Answer**

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

(a) : Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c) : Under the Energy Conservation Act 2001, the State Governments are required to notify State Designated Agencies (SDAs). The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) is strengthening the capacity of SDAs to facilitate them to implement energy conservation and efficiency measures in the respective States. The Scheme was initiated in the beginning of the XIth Plan. Hence the funds released by the BEE during 2007-08 and 2008-09 and the funds utilized by the SDAs may be seen in the statement enclosed at Annex. No fund has been released in 2009-10.

(d) : On the basis of the Comprehensive Five Year Action Plan prepared by the SDAs, Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) with technical support from National Productivity Council (NPC) prepared the action plan for 29 SDAs out of the 31 SDAs identified. The SDA of Sikkim was notified on May 2009. Apart from these the Comprehensive Action Plan was prepared for the State of Jammu & Kashmir also.

(e) : The SDA programme is closely monitored and follow up measures including regular meetings in States are taken to facilitate the SDAs in speeding up activities and in utilising funds. Unless the utilisation certificate is received for the funds released the next instalment is not released to the States.