

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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ALLOCATION OF POWER TO STATES
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of States/Union Territories where power consumption is more on agriculture than industrial and domestic sectors;
- (b) whether the Government has given preference of allocating power from Central pool to those States where power is consumed more on agriculture;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, whether the Government proposes to allocate more power to States where consumption on agriculture is more to help increase agricultural production; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) : In none of the States, the consumption in agriculture sector during the year 2007-08 was more than the total consumption in industrial as well as domestic sectors. However, in three States, namely Haryana, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, the consumption in the agriculture sector was more than the consumption of either industrial sector or domestic sector. In Punjab, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, the agriculture consumption was less than the industrial consumption but more than the domestic consumption.

(b) to (e) : The unallocated power in Central Generating Stations kept at the disposal of the Government is provided on a dynamic basis to meet the seasonal and emergent needs of States/UTs keeping in view the emergent or seasonal nature of the request, the relative power supply position, utilization of existing generation resources, performance and payment capacity. The agricultural requirement of states during kharif season is, however, taken care of by additional allocation of power from the unallocated power of Central Generating Stations available at the disposal of the Government. Ministry of Power made additional allocation of 50 MW each to Punjab and Haryana on 9th July 2009 in consideration of their agricultural requirement, which was further enhanced to 100 MW each on 15th July, 2009. Further, 45-100 MW power in different time slots of the day has also been provided to Uttar Pradesh on 27th July, 2009 to meet its agricultural demand.