

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POWER FOR AGRICULTURAL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any survey of annual power requirement for agricultural purposes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the arrival of Multi-National Companies has added to power shortage, directly affecting agriculture; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken to meet power requirement for agricultural sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL)

(a) & (b) : The 17th Electric Power Survey (EPS) of India covers forecast of the electricity demand in terms of electrical energy consumption for various categories of consumption up to the end of 11th Plan i.e. 2011-12

As per 17th EPS projection, the electricity consumption for Agriculture/Irrigation is 152,931 Million Unit for year 2011-12. The state-wise/UT- wise break up is given at Annex.

(c) : No report has been made to the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and Ministry of Power indicating that the arrival of multinational companies has added to power shortage, directly affecting agriculture.

(d) : Electricity being a concurrent subject, responsibility for supply of electricity to different categories of consumers including agriculture lies with the concerned State Government/Power Utilities in the State. Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by establishing power plants in Central Sector through Central Power Sector Undertakings (CPSUs).

Steps have been taken by the Government to improve the overall power supply position. These steps include acceleration in generating capacity addition, rigorous monitoring of on-going power generation projects, coordinated operation and maintenance of hydro, thermal and nuclear and gas based stations to optimally utilize the existing generation capacity, strengthening of inter-state and inter-regional transmission network for optimum utilization of available power in the country and import of coal to meet the shortfall in domestic coal supply. Further, the unallocated power in Central Generating Stations kept at the disposal of the Government is allocated to States/UTs for meeting their emergent and seasonal requirements including requirement for agricultural operations.