

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

- (a) whether unreliable and costly power is one of the reasons hindering the growth of the economy; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide quality power at reasonable rates to all sectors of the economy?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Provision of adequate reliable and quality power at reasonable prices is one of the essential requirements for rapid growth of any economy. Therefore, Government has initiated a number of steps not only to increase availability of power in the country but also to improve its reliability and quality.

A capacity addition target of 62,374 MW during the 11th Plan has been fixed by the Planning Commission during the mid-term appraisal. Projects aggregating 37,971 MW have already been commissioned during the 11th Plan upto 30th June, 2011, which is approximately 180% of the total capacity addition of 21,180 MW during the 10th Plan and the balance capacity is under execution. Consequently, energy availability in the country recorded a Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 6% during the first four years of 11th Plan and energy and peaking shortages came down from 9.6% and 13.8% in 2006-07 (end of 10th Plan) to 6.6% and 9.2% respectively during April to June, 2011. The average price of electricity transacted through Traders and Power Exchanges came down from Rs.7.29 per kWh and Rs.7.49 per kWh in 2008-09 to Rs.4.79 per kWh and Rs.3.47 per kWh respectively in 2010-11.

Sub-transmission and distribution system is being strengthened through Restructured Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (R-APDRP) as a major step towards reduction of Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses which have a bearing on the consumer tariff. IT enabled system for energy accounting / auditing and Supervisory Control & Data Acquisitions (SCAD) for big cities contemplated under Part-A of R-APDRP as well as regular distribution system upgradation and strengthening projects under Part-B, would inter-alia improve reliability of power. The State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) have notified performance standards for power quality and reliability of supply to be adhered to by Distribution Companies.

No report about slowing down of economy attributable to unreliable and costly power has been received in the Ministry of Power from any State.