

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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ELECTRICITY TO ALL

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has fixed the target of providing electricity to all by 2012;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the target set for power generation during each of the last three years and the current year was not achieved;
- (d) if so, the details of the targets achieved so far along with the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the corrective measures being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard? ANSWR

Answer

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

(a)to(e): The National Electricity Policy stipulates that the demand for electricity shall be fully met by 2012. The details of the target set and actual power generated during the last three years and the current year (April 11-Oct 11) are given below:

Year	Target (BU)	Actual Generation (BU)	Achievement (%)
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2008-09	774.3	723.8	93.4
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2009-10	789.5	771.5	97.7
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2010-11	830.8	811.1	97.6
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2011-12 (April 11-Oct 11) Provisional	498.1	509.1	102.2
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Actual power generation during the last three years was marginally lower than the target. However, power generation during the current year (April-October, 2011) has been more than the target. The reasons for low power generation during the previous years include inadequate availability of fuel (coal, gas & nuclear), receipt of inferior quality coal/wet coal, grid constraints, delay in stabilization of new generating units on account of delay in completion of balance of plant works, shut down of some units due to environmental restrictions, unforeseen forced outages of units/unscheduled extended planned maintenance, deficient rainfall in catchment areas and receipt of low schedules from the beneficiary states.

A number of steps have been taken to improve the power situation in the country. These include acceleration in generating capacity addition; rigorous monitoring of capacity addition of the on-going generation projects; coordinated operation and maintenance of hydro, thermal, nuclear and gas based power stations to optimally utilize the existing generation capacity; thrust to import of coal to bridge the gap between requirement of coal and its availability from the domestic sources; development of Ultra Mega Power Projects of 4000 MW each to reap benefits of economies of scale; renovation, modernization and life extension of old and inefficient

generation units; strengthening of inter-state and inter regional transmission capacity for optimum utilization of available power; and energy conservation, energy efficiency; and demand side management measures.