

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to rework the formula of sharing power generated by the proposed/ongoing Ultra Mega Power Projects in view of the acute power shortage in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and
- (d) the steps taken or being taken by Government to meet the power shortage?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : Power allocation from the Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs) had been worked out on the basis of discussions with the States in the meetings that had been convened by the Ministry of Power. As this process for allocation of power from UMPPs is working well, there is no proposal for reworking of the process.

(d) : The following steps have been taken / are being taken to mitigate shortage of power in the country:

(i) A capacity addition target of 78,700 MW from conventional energy sources has been set for the 11th Plan. Out of this, a capacity of approximately 15,036 MW has been commissioned as on 30.06.2009.

(ii) Development of Ultra Mega Power Projects of 4,000 MW each.

(iii) Harnessing surplus captive power into the grid. A capacity of 12,000 MW of captive power is likely to be added to the system during 11th Plan.

(iv) Development of approximately 10,000 MW capacity through the merchant power plant initiative.

(v) Launch of 50,000 MW hydro initiative for accelerated development hydro power in the country.

(vi) Renovation, Modernization & Life Extension of old and inefficient generation units.

(vii) Augmentation of manufacturing capacity of equipment for electric power in the country.

(viii) Promoting demand side management, energy efficiency and energy conservation measures.

(ix) Import of coal to bridge the gap between anticipated demand and domestic production of coal.