

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF POWER

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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether shortage of power is affecting the agricultural and industrial production in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken or proposed by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): There is an overall shortage of power in the country. The shortages vary from state to state on season to season and month to month basis, depending on the demand and availability of power.

Electricity being a concurrent subject, responsibility for its supply to different categories of consumers, including agriculture and industry, 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 Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs). The details of power supply to agricultural sector during November 2011 reported by the Power Utilities to Central Electricity Authority are enclosed at Annex-I.

Power cuts on industries ranging from zero to 600 MW during different hours of the day have been reported by different states. The details of power cuts on industries during November, 2011 are enclosed at Annexure-II. In addition to this, Power Utilities resort to load shedding depending on availability and requirement of power on day to day basis.

(c): The steps taken by the Government to improve the overall power supply position include acceleration in generating capacity addition, rigorous monitoring of on-going power generation projects, coordinated operation and maintenance of hydro, thermal, 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.