

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:257
ANSWERED ON:30.03.2012
AVAILABILITY OF POWER IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total power availability and consumption in the agricultural sector in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase availability of power to the agricultural sector in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the other steps being taken or proposed to be taken to meet the requirement of power in agricultural sector in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER^m (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 257 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 30.03.2012 REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF POWER IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR.

(a): Sector-wise power supply in various states/UTs is not monitored by Central Electricity Authority. The details of State-wise total energy availability and consumption in the agriculture sector for the year 2009-10 (latest available) is at Annex-I. Details of average power supply to Agricultural Sector in hours in various States of the country during 2011-12 (upto February, 2012) are enclosed at Annex-II.

(b)&(c): Electricity being a concurrent subject, responsibility for its supply 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 Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs).

(d): The following measures have been taken / are being taken by the Government to improve power generation to meet the demand of power including agriculture in the country:-

I. Thrust to generating capacity addition. A capacity addition of 53,122 MW has been achieved during the 11th Plan (upto 25th March, 2012) as compared to addition of 21,180 MW of capacity addition during 10th Plan.

II. Rigorous monitoring of capacity addition of the on-going generation projects.

III. Coordinated operation and maintenance of hydro, thermal, nuclear and gas based power stations to optimally utilize the existing generation capacity.

IV. Thrust to import of coal by the power utilities to bridge the shortfall in availability of coal from domestic sources.

V. Tapping of surplus power from captive power plants.

VI. Development of Ultra Mega Power Projects of 4000 MW each to reap benefits of economies of scale.

VII. Renovation, modernization and life extension of old and inefficient generation units.

VIII. Strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution network as a major step towards loss reduction.