

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether State Power Ministers`Conference was recently held in New Delhi;
- (b) if so, the detailed discussion held in the meeting along with the outcomethereof;
- (c) whether the Planning Commissionhas asked States to hike power tariff;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the StateGovernments thereto; and
- (e) the other issues discussed in themeeting including addition of powergeneration during the next five years?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) : Planning commission had convened a meeting of Energy Ministers of States on 17.07.2012 with a view to consult State Governments on Energy Chapter of the Twelfth Plan.
- (c) & (d) : Planning Commission has been advising the States to revise the power tariff to meet the cost of power supply, failing which the operation of State distribution companies will be unsustainable. Most of the State Governments informed that petition for revising tariff is being taken up with respective State Electricity Regulatory Commission.
- (e) : The other issues discussed by Power Ministers in the conference included the problems of fuel supply, power generation capacity addition, environment and forest clearance etc.