GOVERNMENT OF INDIA POWER LOK SABHA

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DEMAND FOR POWER
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any assessment has been made on the increasing demand for power in the domestic, industrial, agricultural and infrastructure sectors in the country during the last three years and the current year, Sector and State-wise;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to meet the increasing demand for power of above said sectors;
- (d) whether there is shortage of funds for setting up new power projects in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

- (a) & (b): The electrical energy sales to ultimate consumers for various categories of consumption namely domestic, commercial, industrial power, public lighting, traction, agriculture, public water works & sewage pumping and miscellaneous is compiled by CEA based on details furnished by various utilities and non-utilities. There is no separate category designated as infrastructure sector. The latest available details of consumption for last three previous years viz. 2008-09, 2009-10 & 2010-11 state-wise, category wise and for the country is given at Annex-I, II & III.
- (c): The steps taken/being taken by the Government to meet the increasing demand of power in the country include the following:
- (i) Acceleration in generating capacity addition during 12th Plan with a proposed target of 88,537 MW, excluding renewables, against an achievement of 54,964 MW during 11th Plan.
- (ii) Rigorous monitoring of capacity addition of the on-going generation projects.
- (iii) Development of Ultra Mega Power Projects of 4000 MW each to reap benefits of economies of scale.
- (iv) Advance planning of generation capacity addition projects for 12th Plan.
- $\hbox{(v) Augmentation of domestic manufacturing capacity of power equipment through Joint Ventures}.\\$
- (vi) Coordinated operation and maintenance of hydro, thermal, nuclear and gas based power stations to optimally utilize the existing generation capacity.
- (vii) Thrust to import of coal by the power utilities to meet the shortfall in coal supplies to thermal power stations from indigenous sources.
- (viii) Renovation, modernization and life extension of old and inefficient generation units.
- (ix) Strengthening of inter-state and inter-regional transmission capacity for optimum utilization of available power.
- (x) Strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution network as a major step towards loss reduction.
- (xi) Promoting energy conservation, energy efficiency and demand side management measures.
- (d): No, Madam.
- (e): Does not arise.