

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE IN POWER SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

(a) the key implementation challenges and the steps taken by the Government for success of infrastructure finance in the power sector; and

(b) the details of target and success achieved so far for infrastructure finance in power sector?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : Some of major implementation challenges being faced by the power sector include shortage of coal, shortage of gas and poor financial health of Distribution Companies (DISCOMS). Several steps have been initiated by the Government to meet the challenges in the power sector. These include persuading Ministry of Coal and Coal India Limited (CIL) to enhance production of coal in the country; import of coal, to the extent technically feasible, to bridge the gap between its requirement and availability from domestic sources; thrust on ramping up production of coal by captive coal block allottees from existing mines and expedite commissioning of new coal blocks; initiation of steps by Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas to augment production of natural gas from the gas fields/wells; and notification of a scheme for financial restructuring of the state distribution companies (DISCOMS) by the Ministry of Power on 05.10.2012 to enable the turnaround of the state DISCOMs and ensure their long term viability.

As per the Interim Report of the High Level Committee on Financing Infrastructure, 95% (provisional) of the projected investment in electricity (including non conventional energy) of Rs.6,66,525 crore at 2006-07 prices has materialised during the Eleventh Plan.