

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION LOSSES
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the revenue loss incurred in the transmission and distribution of power during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to modernize the State Electricity Boards (SEBs) specifically in order to reduce leakages and Transmission and Distribution (T&D) losses;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is actively considering the implementation of a nationwide smart grid network; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) As per PFC report on 'Performance of state Power Utilities for the years 2008-09 to 2010-11', based on the account details provided by the utilities, many utilities selling directly to consumers have incurred losses during the period 2008-09 to 2010-11. Details are given in Annex-I.

(b) & (c) Distribution of power is the responsibility of the Discoms. Central Government acts as a facilitator in supplementing the efforts of States to provide power to consumers in an improved manner.

The steps taken by the Union Government to improve distribution sector and to reduce the losses of SEBs/power distribution companies of the country are given in Annex-II.

(d) & (e) Ministry of Power, Government of India has set up a Smart Grid Forum and India Smart Grid Task Force. The India Smart Grid Task Force is an inter-ministerial group under the Chairmanship of Shri Sam Pitroda, Adviser to Prime Minister on Public Information Infrastructure & Innovation.

On the recommendations of India Smart Grid Task Force, Ministry of Power has shortlisted 14 Smart Grid pilot projects in different DISCOMS. Implementation of these pilots would be taken up on continuation of R-APDRP in 12th Plan and also as per availability of funds for Smart Grid pilot projects.