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ALLOCATION OF POWER TO GUJARAT

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to restore the share of power allocated to the State Government of Gujarat from the unallocated power at the disposal of the Union Government to meet the shortage of power in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

(a) & (b): The allocation of unallocated power in Central Generating Stations is made on a dynamic basis to meet the seasonal and overall demand of States / UTs, keeping in view the factors like emergent/seasonal nature of the requirement, the relative power supply position, utilization of existing generation and power resources, performance and payment capacity. The quantum of this power being limited and fixed, allocation of this power to one or more state / UT is carried out by equivalent reduction in the allocation of other beneficiaries. There is no fixed share of unallocated power for any state / UT and hence request for restoration of allocation of unallocated power to any state to the level prevailing earlier is not appropriate per se.

In the revision of allocation of power from unallocated power of Central Generating Stations (CGSs) in the Western Region (WR) and Eastern Region (ER) in February 2006, power to the tune of 151 Mega Watt (MW) was allocated to more deficit States/ UTs in the Region by reducing the allocation of Gujarat and Goa, due to their relatively comfortable position. Subsequently, keeping in view the request of Gujarat for allocation of additional power and relative power supply position of constituents of Western Region, the unallocated power to Gujarat was enhanced by 5 % (around 55 MW) in January, 2007. The Government of Gujarat had requested for reinstating their unallocated power to the previous level. The reasons for reductions in the allocation had been communicated to the State Government. At present, Gujarat has 107 MW (9.77%) allocation of unallocated power from the Central Generating Stations of Western Region.

(c): During November, 2009, the power supply position in Gujarat was relatively comfortable with marginal energy shortage of 0.3% and peaking shortage of 9.1%, which happens to be lowest among the Western States. The state has also made net export of about 1519 Million Unit during April to November, 2009. As such additional allocation of unallocated power to Gujarat is not justified at present.