

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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REFORMS IN POWER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up a panel to recommend reforms in the power sector to boost capacity and the said panel has also submitted its recommendations in this regard;
- (b) if so the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to grant financial incentives and ease green norms to the hydel sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the recommendations made by the panel to encourage use of hydel power in the country; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government on the said recommendations?

Answer

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

- (a) : Ministry of Power has not set up any panel to recommend reforms in the power sector to boost capacity. However, an Advisory Group has been set up under the Chairmanship of Minister of State for Power (Independent Charge) to discuss and deliberate periodically on issues pertaining to the power sector and suggest reforms in different areas relating to the sector.
- (b) : Does not arise.
- (c) : At present there is no specific proposal to grant financial incentives to the hydel sector by this Ministry. As regards easing green norms, the Ministry has been requesting Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoE&F) for expediting environment and forest clearances for hydro projects.
- (d) & (e) : Do not arise.