

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1153
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DEMAND OF POWER
Siricilla Shri Rajaiah

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the coal-bearing States are demanding 12 per cent free power from independent power producers in line with the national hydro power policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : Some resource rich States like Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh & Jharkhand are of the view that coal bearing States be adequately compensated for the adverse impact on their environment and infrastructure as according to them the revenue accrual from royalty on coal is less compared to 12 per cent free power given to host States of hydro power projects.

No decision on the above request has been taken by the Government.