GOVERNMENT OF INDIA POWER LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the per capita power consumption in various States during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the reasons for disparity in per capita power consumption in various States;
- (c) whether the unequal per capita power consumption by various regions in the country is leading to regional imbalance;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to remove the disparity in per capita power consumption amongst the States?

Answer

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

- (a): The per capita electricity consumption in various States/UTs during the year 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 are given at Annex.
- (b): The disparity in per capita electricity consumption in various States is generally due to large variation in population and consumer mix in States / UTs.
- (c) & (d) : No, Madam, the unequal per capita power consumption by various regions in the country is not leading to regional imbalance.
- (e): One of the steps to increase the per capita consumption is to increase the generation capacity. Generation capacity addition target during 12th Five Year Plan is 88,537 MW from conventional sources on all India basis. With this level of capacity addition, the demand for power on all-India basis is likely to be met by the terminal year of 12th Five Year Plan. Government has advised the states to tie up for procurement of power to meet their demand, in accordance with their anticipated demand supply scenario. To strengthen the distribution sector, schemes like Rajeev Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), Restructured-Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (R-APDRP) and Financial Restructuring Plan (FRP) for Distribution Companies have been undertaken by the Government of India.