

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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POWER CONSUMPTION

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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment of per capita power consumption for the year 2010-11 and 2011-12;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the percentage increase in power consumption during the current financial year as compared to the last year; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to meet this increase in power consumption?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The per-capita electricity consumption is computed on an annual basis after closure of each year from the data of actual energy sale to the ultimate consumers and population.

(c): The electricity consumption (total sales to ultimate consumers) during the year 2007-08 increased by 9.95% over the consumption during the year 2006-07.

(d): Several steps have been taken by the Government to meet the growing requirement of power consumption in the country. These include rigorous monitoring of all ongoing projects for commissioning in the 11th Plan, development of Ultra Mega Power Projects of 4,000 MW each, harnessing surplus captive power into the grid, launch of 50,000 MW hydro initiative for accelerated development of hydro power in the country, renovation, modernization & life extension of old and inefficient generating units, promoting demand side management, energy efficiency and energy conservation measures, augmentation of gas supply to utilize the stranded capacity of gas based power stations, and steps to reduce Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) losses.