

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the power is getting wasted in the country, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to check its wastage; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to fix any time limit to achieve the international norms laid down in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, COAL AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY ( SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL )

(a) : Power is lost during Transmission and Distribution (T&D). T&D losses, as a measure of grid losses, have been replaced by Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) Losses for better clarity. T&D losses together with loss in revenue collection give AT&C losses. Statement indicating the percentage of AT&C losses from 2011-12 to 2013-14 in various Discoms is at Annex-I.

(b) & (c) : The factors responsible for AT&C losses are indicated at Annex-II.

There are no universally accepted standards for T&D losses. However, the equipment and material used in electricity transmission and distribution has to comply with the applicable statutory requirements and the respective national standards. The reduction of technical and commercial losses is one of the critical components for improving distribution segment which comes within the purview of the State Governments and State Electricity Regulatory Commissions. The Central Government supplements the efforts of States through various schemes for improvement of the distribution sector of the state, such as Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS), Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), National Electricity Fund (NEF) and Financial Restructuring Plan (FRP) etc. Additional financial assistance under IPDS & DDUGJY is available to States and is linked to the outcome of performance in terms of reduction in AT&C losses as per the trajectory finalized by Government of India in consultation with the State Utilities. Also, benefits under NEF & FRP are linked to reduction in AT&C losses. Details in respect of these schemes and AT&C loss trajectory are at Annex-III & Annex IV.