

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the average electricity consumption per person in the country vis-a-vis other developed countries of the world; and
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government for increasing the power production in the country in order to increase the consumption per person?

**Answer**

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

(a) : The per capita power consumption in the country for the year 2011-12 was 883.63 Kilowatt-hour (kWh) and corresponding per capita power consumption in some of the developed countries of the world for the year 2011 as per the latest data available on the International Energy Agency website, is given below:

Sl. No.	Country	Per capita power consumption (kWh)
1.	United States of America	13227
2.	Australia	10514
3.	Japan	7847
4.	Russia	6533
5.	United Kingdom	5518

The per capita consumption in the county for the year 2012-13 is 914.41 kWh.

(b) : Steps taken / being taken by the Government for increasing the power production in the country in order to increase the consumption per person, inter alia, are:

(i) Acceleration in generation capacity addition during 12th Plan with a proposed target of 88,537 MW from conventional sources and 30,000 MW from renewable energy sources.

(ii) Undertaking a massive programme for strengthening of inter-state and inter-regional transmission capacity for evacuation of power.

(iii) A new scheme has been announced in this year's Budget for strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution networks and for segregation of agricultural feeders.

(iv) Expeditiously resolving issues relating to environmental and forest clearances for power projects under implementation.

(v) Bridging the gap of indigenous coal availability through coal imports for increased generation by thermal plants.

(vi) Promoting energy conservation, energy efficiency and demand side management measures.