

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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POWER FOR ALL

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government aims to provide round-the-clock power for all by 2022 in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the transmission and distribution loss of electricity by the end of 12th Five Year Plan and the steps being taken by the Government to reduce such loss;

(d) whether the World Bank has expressed the apprehension that the faulty power distribution system in the country could be an obstacle in achieving the above said target and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the target fixed by the Government to streamline the power transmission and distribution system in the country by using latest technology in the field and the steps being taken/proposed to be taken to achieve the same?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The distribution of electricity to all consumers falls under the purview of the respective State Government/State Power Utility and it is the responsibility of distribution licensees to supply electricity. The Central Government would continue to supplement the efforts of the State Governments / Power Utilities in providing round the clock power for all by 2022.

(c) : 18th Electric Power Survey (EPS) of India conducted by Central Electricity Authority has estimated the Transmission and Distribution losses as 18.89% at all India level by the end of 12th Five Year Plan.

With the aim of reducing Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses, Government of India assists the State Governments through its scheme, Restructured Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (R-APDRP) for up-gradation, augmentation and strengthening of electrical infrastructure.

(d) :The World Bank has submitted a report titled `More Power to India: The Challenge of Distribution` to the Government of India, which highlights improvement required in the distribution system.

(e) :During the 12th Plan, 1,07,440 ckm of transmission lines have been planned to be constructed which will also utilize the latest technology available in the field. The distribution system is under the purview of the respective States / UTs. However, Government of India supplements their efforts through Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) and R-APDRP schemes.