

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2317  
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UNINTERRUPTED SUPPLY OF POWER  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is enough scope for betterment of power utilities to ensure uninterrupted supply without increasing tariff;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the policy outlines thereon;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to involve every sector in the electricity chain for an integrated approach to meet the entire power need of the country at affordable cost viz. power resources, transmission and distribution utilities as well as coal companies; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) :The tariff of power supplied to consumers is determined by the Appropriate Commission. While determining the tariffs, the Appropriate Commission takes into account all aspects including the betterment of power utilities. However, some of the improvement measures, inter alia, could be reduction in Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses, reduction in cost of procurement of power, reduction in overheads of utility, energy efficiency improvement and energy conservation. The extent of implication on tariff of these factors would vary from DISCOM to DISCOM. Adequate provision like procurement of Power by DISCOMs through competitive bidding has been made in the Tariff policy notified by Government of India for bringing efficiencies in procurement of power.

(c) to (d) : Electricity is a concurrent subject and the supply and distribution of electricity in a State falls under the purview of respective State Government/ State Power Utility. The Central Government supplements the efforts taken by the State Governments.

To meet the entire power needs of the country at affordable cost an integrated approach is already being followed for the development of the power system. For the 12th Five Year Plan, Generation capacity addition has been planned to meet the projected demand for power as per 18th Electric Power Survey (EPS). Commensurate transmission network has also been planned for evacuation of power, which includes inter-state and intra-state networks, Government is making efforts to make adequate fuel available for power generation through coal companies.