

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Per Capita Consumption of Power
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is 5th largest producer of electricity in the world but it ranks 150th in terms of per capita consumption;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the demand and supply mismatch for electricity is growing even as millions have no access to power at all, especially in rural areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether reforms in power sector is imperative as estimated financial loss amounts to over 4 per cent of GDP; and
- (f) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

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(a) & (b) : As per information available from International Energy Agency (IEA), India was the 3rd largest producer of electricity in the world and 105th in terms of per capita consumption in 2014. Top ten electricity producing countries in the world as per data by Key World Energy Statistics 2016 (IEA) for the year 2014 is given at Annexure-I. The per capita consumption of various countries as per Key World Energy Statistics 2016 (International Energy Agency) for the year 2014 is given at Annexure-II.

(c) & (d) : The gap in demand and supply of electricity, in terms of Peak in MW and Energy in MU has progressively reduced despite increase in Peak demand and Energy requirement. The details are given at Annexure-III.

(e) & (f) : As per the report of PFC, the aggregate losses for utilities selling power directly to consumers are having decreasing trend. As a reform measure, Ministry of Power has commenced UDAY (Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana), [a Scheme for the Financial turnaround of Power Distribution Companies (DISCOMs)] with a view to improving the operational and financial efficiency of the State DISCOMs.
