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RAJYA SABHA

Power Shortage in Andhra Pradesh

2245. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of power in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the total demand and supply of power in the state;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase power generation in the State; and
- (d) by when the State is likely to become self-reliant in the power sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The power supply position in Andhra Pradesh during April — November, 1999 is as under:—

	Energy (MU)		Peak (MW)
Requirement	29229	Peak demand	6600
	27625	Peak met	5991
Availability	1604	Deficit	609
Shortage	5.5	%	9.2

(c) The following steps have been taken for increasing power generation in Andhra Pradesh:

- Capacity addition.
- Maximising generation from existing capacity.
- Private sector participation.
- Demand side management and energy conservation.
- Promotion of Inter-State/Inter-regional exchange of power.
- Reduction in transmission and distribution losses.

(d) Considering the benefits from various sanctioned and ongoing projects and Central Electricity Authority cleared projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh and shares from Central Sector projects, the State is likely to become self-sufficient in power by the year 2004-05.

NTPC Power Projects in Bangladesh, Nepal and Middle East

2246. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Thermal Power Corporation is pursuing a 1000 MW Gas based Thermal Power Project in Bangladesh;