

commenced construction on their 25 MW power plant in Haryana and 107 MW power plant in Kerala respectively. Other liquid fuel based power projects would commence construction on achieving financial closure.

Revision of Power Tariff in the States

76. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMA-CHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have urged the State Governments to make upward revision of power tariff to realise the generation costs so that Boards are able to make profit and achieve the statutory three per cent rate of return; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the States in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The Government has impressed upon the States, the need to rationalise tariffs in order that the statutory returns are made by Boards.

(b) Most of the States have initiated steps to rationalise power tariffs as suggested by Government of India.

Enhancement of Power Tariff

77. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to enhance the power tariff;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would stop concessions of the power tariff given to the rich peasants and landlords; and

(d) whether Government would issue such direction to the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Power tariffs for the consumers are fixed by the State Government & SEBs under the provisions of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948.

Losses to Electricity Boards

78. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding losses of Electricity Boards;

(b) what steps have been taken by government to reduce the losses; and

(c) whether Government would issue instructions to stop concessions granted to the rich peasants and landlords in their power tariffs by the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) A statement indicating the profit and loss (with subsidy and without subsidy as booked in the accounts) of the 17 SEBs is enclosed in the statement. (See below)

(b) State Governments/State Electricity Boards have been advised, from time to time, to take remedial measures such as setting up of State Electricity Regulatory Commissions, rationalisation of retail tariff, private sector participation in distribution, improvement in the management practices of SEBs, reduction in transmission & distribution losses etc.

(c) The State Electricity Regulatory Commissions, to be set up by the State Governments, are to take up the matters like tariff fixation for various categories of consumers including rich peasants and landlords, transparent policies regarding subsidies etc.

Statement

Profit/loss of the 17SEBs during 1996-97 with subsidy booked and without subsidy booked as shown in the accounts

Sl. No.	SEB		Profit & Loss	
			With Subsidy Booked	Without Subsidy Booked
1.	ASEB	(U)	-358.72	-411.05
2.	APSEB	(A)	129.19	-721.27
3.	BEB	(P)	-27.52	-27.52
4.	GEB	(U)	109.96	-958.43
5.	HPSEB	(A)	24.81	24.81
6.	HSEB	(A)	47.75	-593.98
7.	KEB	(U)	58.45	-646.48
8.	KSEB	(U)	23.99	-223.12
9.	MPEB	(U)	126.62	-210.91
10.	MSEB	(A)	346.58	87.69
11.	Me SEB	(U)	-33.52	-42.02
12.	DSEB	(P)	26.94	-230.68
13.	PSEB	(U)	117.87	-295.91
14.	RSEB	(P)	30.84	-348.87
15.	TNEB	(U)	329.63	-257.28
16.	UPSEB	(A)	268.13	-1194.25
17.	WBSEB	(U)	18.25	-227.27
ALL SEBs			1279.15	-6256.54

(A) AUDITED
(U) UNAUDITED
(P) PROVISIONAL

पावरग्रिड कार्पोरेशन द्वारा ट्रांसमिशन लाइनें डालना

79. श्री शिव चरण सिंह :

श्री राघव जी:

क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1995-96, 1996-97 और 1997-98 के दौरान पावर ग्रिड कार्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया लि. द्वारा डाली गई नई ट्रांसमिशन लाइनों की वर्ष-वार कुल संख्या कितनी है;

(ख) उपरोक्त अवधि के दौरान राज्य-वार नई ट्रांसमिशन लाइनों की कितनी आवश्यकता थी;

(ग) क्या मांग और आपूर्ति में काफी अन्तर है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं, तथा उस अंतर को पूरा करने के लिए उठाए जा रहे कदमों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

विद्युत मंत्री (श्री रंगराजन कुमारमंगलम) : (क) वर्ष 1995-96, 1996-97 और 1997-98 के दौरान चालू की गई पारेषण लाइनों की संख्या इंगित करने वाला एक विवरण नीचे दिया गया है।

वर्ष	लाइनों की संख्या	सर्किट कि.मी.
1995-96	7	1204
1996-97	6	727
1997-98	7	3150