

Action plan to meet power crisis

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is working on an action plan for States to tide over power crisis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to give concessions to States to import coal from abroad, to tide over this problem; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) The following steps have been taken/are being taken to mitigate shortage of power in the country:

- (i) A capacity addition target of 78,700 MW from conventional energy sources has been set for the 11th Plan. Out of this, a capacity of approximately 15,075 MW has been commissioned as on 1st July, 2009.
- (ii) Development of Ultra Mega Power Projects of 4,000 MW each.
- (iii) Harnessing surplus captive power into the grid. A capacity of 12,000 MW of captive power is likely to be added to the system during 11th Plan.
- (iv) A target of 14,000 MW of grid interactive renewable power capacity has been set for the 11th Plan against which around 4230 MW has been added during the first two years of the Plan.
- (v) Launch of 50,000 MW hydro initiative for accelerated development hydro power in the country;
- (vi) Renovation, Modernization & Life Extension of old and inefficient generation units;
- (vii) Augmentation of manufacturing capacity of equipment for electric power in the country;
- (viii) Promoting demand side management, energy efficiency and energy conservation measures; and
- (ix) Import of coal to bridge the gap between anticipated demand and domestic production of coal.

(c) and (d) No proposal for rebate on imported coal is presently under consideration of the government.

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