

The Ministry has a flagship scheme to establish Mega Food Parks with a view to provide State-of-the-art infrastructure for food processing sector in the country on a pre-identified cluster basis with a strong backward and forward linkage and to provide value addition of agricultural commodities including poultry, meat, dairy, fisheries etc. in a demand driven manner. Financial assistance up to 50% of project cost excluding land component in general areas and 75% in difficult areas, subject to a maximum of Rs. 50.00 crore is provided for setting up of Mega Food Parks. It is estimated that 30 Mega Food Parks proposed for Eleventh Plan will ensure enhanced employment opportunities to over a million farmers.

To encourage setting up of cold chain facilities and backward linkages in the country, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has a Plan Scheme for Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure during the Eleventh Plan to provide financial assistance to project proposals received from public/private organizations for cold chain infrastructure development. The scheme envisages financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid @ 50% of the total cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works in general areas and 75% for North Eastern Region and difficult areas subject to a maximum of Rs. 10.00 crore.

In order to enhance investment flow in the sector, Government has taken several fiscal incentive measures over last 5 years which has resulted in FDI inflow of over Rs. 900 crore in 2009-10. Fiscal incentive has also lead to export growth of processed food from Rs. 21805 crore in 2006-07 to Rs. 36294 crore in 2008-09. Ministry is also implementing comprehensive schemes for Human Resource Development, Quality Assurances, CODEX, R&D and Strengthening of Institution for overall development of food processing sector.

Power crisis in Karnataka

*428. SHRI ANIL H. LAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the increased demand of power in the neighbouring States of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu has aggravated the on-going power crisis in Karnataka;

(b) whether heavy overdrawal from the Central power grid by Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh has left little for Karnataka, which is now facing a shortage of 1000 MW;

(c) whether the share from Varahi hydel power station to the State grid has dropped drastically; and

(d) if so, what is the Central Government's initiative to bail out Karnataka from its present power crisis?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) During 2009-10, the growth in energy requirement in Karnataka was of the order of 5.5% as compared to 9.5% in Andhra Pradesh and 10.5% in Tamil Nadu. However, the growth in peak demand in Karnataka

(15.2%) during this period was higher than the growth of peak demand in Andhra Pradesh (9.8%) and Tamil Nadu (13.5%) contributing to the increased shortage in the State during the peak demand hours. The Statement showing percentage growth in terms of Energy and Peak Demand of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu as compared to Karnataka in the last 5 years is given in Statement-I (See below).

(b) Karnataka has overdrawn 589 MU of energy from the grid as compared to overdrawal of 87 MU by Andhra Pradesh and 889 MU by Tamil Nadu in 2009-10. Month-wise Overdrawal/Underdrawal from the grid by Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh as compared to Karnataka for the last three years is given in Statement-II (See below).

(c) The generation of Varahi HPS in 2009-10 was 7% higher than its generation in the previous year (2008-09).

(d) Electricity being a concurrent subject, supply and distribution of electricity in a State as per demand is under the purview of the State Government/Power Utility concerned. Government of India supplement the efforts of State Government(s) by commissioning power/transmission projects through Central Public Sector Undertakings. At present, Karnataka has been provided 1498 to 1546 MW power from Central generating stations.

Planning Commission had fixed a capacity addition target of 78,700 MW during the Eleventh Plan. However, as per mid term appraisal (MTA) the capacity addition during Eleventh Plan is likely to be 62,374 MW, which includes 3095 MW in Karnataka in state/private Sector. Karnataka will also benefit from 5440 MW projects in Central Sector targeted for commissioning in Southern Region during this period, subject to signing of Power Purchase Agreement.

Statement-I

*Demand and growth in demand of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu
as compared to Karnataka in the last 5 years.*

Energy

Year	Andhra Pradesh		Tamil Nadu		Karnataka	
	Requirement (MU)	% growth	Requirement (MU)	% growth	Requirement (MU)	% growth
2005-06	53,030	5.2	54,194	13.2	34,601	-1.6
2006-07	60,964	15.0	61,499	13.5	40,797	17.9
2007-08	64,139	5.2	65,780	7.0	40,320	-1.2
2008-09	71,511	11.5	69,668	5.9	43,168	7.1
2009-10	78,996	10.5	76,293	9.5	45,550	5.5

Peak

Year	Andhra Pradesh		Tamil Nadu		Karnataka	
	Demand (MW)	% growth	Demand (MW)	% growth	Demand (MW)	% growth
2005-06	8,999	11.2	9,375	22.6	5,949	0.4
2006-07	10,208	13.4	8,860	-5.5	6,253	5.1
2007-08	10,048	-1.6	10,334	16.6	6,583	5.3
2008-09	11,083	10.3	9,799	-5.2	6,892	4.7
2009-10	12,168	9.8	11,125	13.5	7,942	15.2

Statement-II

Overdrawal/Underdrawal of Karnataka as compared to Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu in the last 3 years.

(All figures in MU)

Year	Andhra Pradesh	Tamil Nadu	Karnataka
	Overdrawal (+)/ Underdrawal (-)	Overdrawal (+)/ Underdrawal (-)	Overdrawal (+)/ Underdrawal (-)
1	2	3	4
2007-2008	-492	879	837
April'07	-27	43	104
May'07	42	71	88
June'07	-63	43	204
July'07	-58	146	15
August'07	-88	51	-28
September'07	-174	290	-91
October'07	21	225	37
November'07	-2	140	24
December'07	-45	-50	136
January'08	-26	-71	162
February'08	-35	25	104
March'08	-38	-34	82

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2008-2009	1040	960	1516
April'08	-15	106	24
May'08	170	88	83
June'08	177	208	128
July'08	164	-28	128
August'08	86	147	82
September'08	-50	185	122
October'08	134	12	143
November'08	-9	162	156
December'08	56	44	160
January'09	91	-7	269
February'09	111	-53	150
March'09	124	96	69
2009-2010	87	889	598
April'09	-121	75	32
May'09	-116	37	47
June'09	-81	83	47
July'09	101	-3	40
August'09	79	-37	30
September'09	40	110	-13
October'09	141	240	-45
November'09	-31	165	78
December'09	70	-20	100
January'10	-16	4	143
February'10	30	73	114
March'10	-9	164	25

Tiger reserves

† *429. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of reserves in the country that are enlisted at present for the protection of tigers;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.