

headed by Cabinet Secretary with representatives from Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Power, Ministry of Coal and the lenders having major exposure to the power sector.

The HLEC report mentions the major reasons for stress in the Power Sector, as follows:—

- Issues related to Coal supply;
- Slow growth in power demand;
- Delayed payments by DISCOMs;
- Inability of the promoter to infuse equity and service debt;
- Slow implementation of project by the developers;
- Issues related to Banks/FIs;
- Aggressive tariffs quoted by bidders in competitive bidding process;
- Regulatory and contractual disputes;
- Legal issues related to auctioned coal mines;
- Other operational issues such as delay in land acquisitions, inadequate transmission system etc.

The Report has been circulated by the Government to all members. It has also been published on the website of the Ministry.

Performance of UDAY scheme in Gujarat

†3025. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the work done in rural areas of the districts of Gujarat under the Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY), district-wise;

(b) the details of the number of beneficiaries in Gujarat under UDAY scheme, district-wise; and

(c) the work proposed in these districts under UDAY scheme and by when it will be finished?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) to (c) Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) is not a project financing scheme. The scheme has been formulated and launched for the financial and operational turnaround of State-owned Power Distribution Companies (DISCOMs). The scheme aims to reduce AT&C losses, the ACS-ARR gap, interest burden, cost of power etc. in distribution sector and improve operational efficiency of DISCOMs. The State of Gujarat has joined UDAY for only operational turnaround of its DISCOMs.

The Government of Gujarat and its DISCOMs have planned operational efficiency improvements to be completed by FY 2018-19 which would benefit all consumers of Gujarat. The detailed performance of some of the operational parameters of Gujarat for FY 2017-18, as received from Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited, are given in the Statement.

Statement

Performance of operational parameters for Gujarat for 2017-18

Sl. No.	Parameters	2017-18	
		Target	Achievement
1.	AT&C Loss (in %)	13.5	11.72
2.	ACS-ARR Gap (₹/Unit)	-0.04	-0.04
3.	Metering of 11 KV Rural Feeders (in %)	100	100
4.	Metering of 11 KV Urban Feeders (in %)	100	100
5.	Metering of Rural Distribution Transformers (DTs) (in %)	100	100
6.	Metering of Urban DTs (in %)	100	100
7.	11 KV Feeder Audit in Rural Area (in %)	100	100
8.	Feeder Separation (in %)	100	100

Source: Information as furnished by GUVNL

Escalating power tariff

3026. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inefficient coal reserve at power plants and sudden decline in wind and hydro electricity generation has led to spike in power tariff to ₹ 15.37 per unit, if so, the details thereof; and