

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1820**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10th MARCH, 2021/ 19 PHALGUNA, 1942 (SAKA)

EASING OF POWER SUPPLY IN J&K

1820. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the power supply situation in Jammu and Kashmir continues to be grim even after it became a Union Territory;**
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) the steps being taken to ensure that the power supply is eased out of the existing infrastructure and borrowings from the National grid; and**
- (d) whether Government has any plan to establish new power generation plants for the UT in near future and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b): As per the information provided by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, the power supply situation in the UT has shown tremendous improvement. The comparative details of peak demand met and energy supply are indicated below:

Year	Peak demand met	Energy supplied*	Energy Consumption**
2019-20	2719 MW	14049 MU (Apr. to Jan.)	17079 MU
2020-21	2827 MW (Upto Jan. 2021)	14939 MU (Apr. to Jan.)	18000 MU (projected)

*** The figures for 2020-21 are 6.33% more than the energy supply during the same period of previous year (2019-20).**

**** The energy consumption projected during 2020-21 is 5.4% higher as compared to the previous year (2019-20).**

(c): A number of initiatives in transmission as well as distribution sectors have been taken under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gram Jyoti Yojna (DDUGJY), Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) and Prime Minister's Development Package-2015 (PMDP-2015).

(d): The Govt. of J&K is undertaking various plans to enhance the power generation capacity of over 6000 MW as under:

- (i) Construction work on Pakal Dul (1000 MW) & Kiru (624 MW) Hydro-Electric Projects has been started.**
- (ii) 850 MW Ratle Hydro-Electric Project located on river Chenab, in Kishtwar district of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has been approved by the Union Cabinet on 20th January, 2021.**
- (iii) In respect of construction of Kwar Hydro-Electric Project-540 MWs, Public Investment Board (PIB) Note has been circulated.**
- (iv) In order to enhance nearly 3300 MW hydropower capacity in J&K, an MoU has been signed between NHPC and Jammu & Kashmir Power Development Corporation (JKPDC) Ltd on Jan 3, 2021 for execution of Kirthai-II (930 MW), Sawalakote (1856 MW), Uri-I (Stage-II 240MW) and Dulhasti (Stage-II 258 MW) Hydropower Projects.**
