

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF POWER  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2719**  
ANSWERED ON 21.12.2021

**ELECTRICITY PURCHASE AT HIGH PRICE**

**2719 SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:**

Will the Minister of **POWER**  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of States have to purchase electricity at a high cost of ₹ 20 per unit so that citizens do not face inconvenience due to closure of power plants recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps Government is taking to increase the power supply in the country?

**A N S W E R**

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

**(a) to (c) :** The States meet their electricity demand from their own generating stations, share from central generating stations, and purchase from private generating stations and power exchanges.

As reported by power exchanges, some buyers have purchased power at ₹20/kWh in Day Ahead Market on Power Exchanges during the months of August 2021 and October 2021. This was only around 430 million units (MU) which is only 0.04% of the total power generated (i.e. 994233 MU) in the country during the current year 2021-22 (upto November 2021). The average price of electricity in Day Ahead Market on Power Exchanges during the period April to November 2021 was Rs. 4.14/unit.

The country has enough established capacity to meet the power demand. As on 30.11.2021, the installed generating capacity was about 392 Giga Watt (GW) against the Peak Power Demand of around 203 GW which occurred during the current year 2021-22.

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