

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 21.12.2009
ANSWERED ON
POWER OUTAGES .

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Will the Minister of COAL & POWER be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that large, medium and small consumers are spending around Rs.30,000 crore per annum on inverters and generators to meet perennial power shortage; and
- (b) whether it is also a fact that power outages cost Rs.2.88 lakh crore every year, which can raise India's 1,50,000 MW capacity by about 50 per cent?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF POWER

(SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 443 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE RAJYA SABHA ON 21.12.2009 REGARDING POWER OUTAGES.

(a) & (b): There is a continuing shortage of power in the country. The quantum of shortage varies from State to State, on month to month and day to day, depending on demand and availability of power. The energy and peak shortages during April-November, 2009 were 52,878 Million Unit (9.6%) and 14,672 MW (12.6%) respectively. The consumers resort to use of inverters and generators to mitigate shortage of power. According to Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, 47,318 industries were engaged in the manufacturing of electric motors, generators, transformers and invertors in 2006-07. Electricity being one of the important inputs for various sectors, shortage of power leads to direct as well as indirect losses. However, no specific information is available with the Government regarding annual spending on invertors and generators by various types of consumers to meet power shortage and the loss due to power outages.