

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
POWER SHORTAGE IN ASSAM .

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

- (a) whether Assam is facing heavy shortage of power supply which is affecting all section of people in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the total demand of power in the State and the actual supply of the same;
- (c) whether immediate measures have been initiated by Government to improve electricity generation in the State during the next five years and met the demand of consumers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

(a) & (b) :During April to November, 2009, Assam experienced energy shortage of 9.9% and peak shortage of 8.2% as compared to 12.4% energy shortage and 17.9% peak shortage in the North Eastern Region. The details in this regard are given under:

State /System /Region	Energy			Peak			
	Requirement (MU)	Availability (MU)	Surplus / Deficit (-) (MU)	(%)	Demand Met (MW)	Surplus / Deficit (-) (MW)	(%)
Assam	3570	3217	353	9.9	920	845	75 8.2
N.E. Region	6363	5577	786	12.4	1760	1445	315 17.9

(c) to (e) :Electricity being a concurrent subject, supply and distribution of electricity in a State as per demand is under the purview of the State Government/State Power Utility concerned. Government of India supplements the efforts of State Governments by commissioning power projects through Central Public Sector Undertakings.

The following steps have been taken/are being taken by the Government to improve availability of power in Assam:

(i) Assam has been allocated 806 – 821 Mega Watt (MW) power from the Central Generating Stations.

(ii) Assam has been allocated 381 MW firm power from Bongaigaon TPS (3x250 MW), which is under implemented by NTPC and is being monitored for giving benefit during the 11th Plan.