

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF POWER

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.778**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2015

**POWER CUTS**

778. SHRI PANKAJ BORA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that during the last two months the country has faced frequent power cuts;
- (b) if so, the detail thereof;
- (c) the present demand and supply of power in the country; and
- (d) the action proposed by Government to remove the power crisis?

**A N S W E R**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,  
COAL AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

( SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL )

**(a) & (b) :** As per the information given by the States, the gap between requirement and availability of the energy, which is the measure of the power cuts, during the last two months i.e. May and June, 2015, has reduced to 2.3% and 2.0% from 3.8% and 3.7% during the corresponding period last year respectively.

**(c) :** The details of the total demand and availability of power in the country during the current year i.e. April - June, 2015 are as under :

| Energy      |              |         |     | Peak        |          |         |     |
|-------------|--------------|---------|-----|-------------|----------|---------|-----|
| Requirement | Availability | Deficit |     | Peak Demand | Peak Met | Deficit |     |
| ( MU )      | ( MU )       | (MU)    | (%) | (MW)        | (MW)     | (MW)    | (%) |
| 2,73,643    | 2,67,670     | 5,973   | 2.2 | 1,45,279    | 1,40,441 | 4,838   | 3.3 |

(d): The remedial steps taken by the Government to meet the shortage of power, inter alia, are:

- (i) Capacity addition of 1,18,537 MW (including 88,537 MW conventional and 30,000 MW renewable) during the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan, i.e. by 2016-17.
- (ii) Efforts have been made to enhance the supply of domestic coal to power plants. During 2014-15, the coal supply to power plants has required a growth of 10.4% which is the highest achieved in a single year.
- (iii) Construction of 1,07,440 ckm transmission lines and setting up of 2,82,740 MVA transformation capacity during the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan, i.e. by 2016-17.
- (iv) Government of India has taken initiative to prepare State specific Action Plans for providing 24X7 Power For All (PFA) in partnership with the States.
- (v) Two new schemes have been approved by the Government of India, namely, Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana and Integrated Power Development Scheme for strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution networks and for segregation of agricultural feeders to give adequate and reliable supply and reduce line losses.
- (vi) Renovation & Modernization (R&M) of old thermal power plants is planned by concerned State and Central Power Utilities for improving the Plant Load Factor of existing power stations leading to increase generation.
- (vii) Promotion of energy conservation, energy efficiency and demand side management measures are being undertaken.
- (viii) In order to support financial viability of State Distribution Utilities (Discoms), the Central Government had notified a Financial Restructuring Plan (FRP).
- (ix) Many issues relating to Environmental and forest clearances have been expeditiously resolved for facilitating early completion of generation and transmission projects.

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