

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4160
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.04.2018

STEPS TO REDUCE AT&C LOSSES

4160. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) loss in the power sector is increasing every year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has taken steps to reduce the AT&C losses for saving energy; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) & (b) : As per 'Report on Performance of State Power Utilities', made by Power Finance Corporation (PFC) Ltd., the overall AT&C losses for distribution utilities for the years 2013-14 to 2015-16 are as given below:

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
AT&C Loss (%)	22.62	25.72	23.98

The factors responsible for Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) losses and T&D losses include overloading of existing lines and substation equipment; Low HT: LT lines ratio; poor repair and maintenance of equipment; low metering/billing/collection efficiency; theft and pilferage of electricity & tampering of meters.

(c) & (d) : The responsibility for reduction of AT&C losses in the Distribution network rests with the State power department/utilities. However, to facilitate the reduction of AT&C losses and to improve power distribution system, the Government of India has launched schemes such as Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), National Electricity Fund (NEF) and Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY).
