GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF POWER

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4209 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2019

POWER SECTOR ROADMAP

4209. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO: SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR: SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA: SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV RAO MANDLIK:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to prepare the power sector roadmap for the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives behind this move;

(c) whether the Government held a meeting with the key stakeholder including company executives for the said purpose recently;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the issues discussed and the decision taken therein; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide cheaper and uninterrupted power supply to all in the country?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) & (b): With a vision to achieve a financially viable, environmentally sustainable and market-driven power sector, furthering energy security and providing reliable 24X7 power to all consumers, it has been decided to prepare a 'Five-Year Vision Document' for Power Sector. The overarching goals for the power sector inter-alia include optimal resource mix for sustainability and energy security, financial viability of power sector entities, and development of efficient, transparent power markets. The Vision Document shall incorporate strategic initiatives, key performance indicators (KPI) for delivering the stated goals of this Ministry.

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(c) & (d) : A brainstorming session was held on 1st July 2019, wherein key stakeholders viz. representatives from various Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, State Governments, power generating companies, power distribution companies, industry associations, financial institutions and energy experts, were invited. In this meeting, key challenges faced by power sector, proposed reforms and strategies to be adopted for achieving the goals set in the Vision Document were discussed.

(e): Supply of electricity falls under the purview of State Governments/ DISCOMs/Power/Utilities. However, Government of India has taken a joint initiative with all the States/UTs for providing 24X7 power for all households, industrial & commercial consumers and adequate supply of power to agriculture consumers. In addition, Government of India has launched several schemes such as Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS), Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana – Saubhagya and Ujjwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) to enable States to improve their Distribution Infrastructure.

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