GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF POWER

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4164 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2020

INDIA'S RANKING IN ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is 5th largest producer of electricity in the world but it ranks 105th in terms of per capita consumption and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is urgent need for reforms in power sector, as estimated financial loss amount to over 3 per cent of GDP; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

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) to (c): As per the latest key world energy statistics published by the IEA in 2019, India is the 3rd largest producer of electricity in the world and it ranks 106th in terms of per capita consumption in 2017.

Reforms in power sector is a continuous process due to changes in the situation. India has become power surplus from power deficit situation. Thus, power sector reforms now focus on supply of 24x7 quality power to consumers, higher standards of service, promotion of renewable energy sources, development of hydro power, improving efficiency, specially in distribution sector, etc. Reforms linked distribution scheme and changes in tariff policy are some of the measures under consideration in this regard.
