

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.170
ANSWERED ON 28.07.2022**

SHORTAGE OF ELECTRICITY

***170. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:**

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

- (a) whether the country is going through an acute shortage of electricity;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to restore normalcy of demand and supply of electricity; and**
- (c) the details of the strategy adopted by the Government to eliminate the gap between the unit cost of power supply and price realization?**

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 170 ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 28.07.2022 REGARDING SHORTAGE OF ELECTRICITY

(a) & (b) : At present there is adequate installed capacity for generation in the country. As on 30.06.2022, the installed generation capacity of India is 403.76 Giga Watt (GW) which is sufficient to meet the Peak Power Demand of the country of around 215.89 Giga Watt (GW) which had occurred in the month of April, 2022 during the current year 2022-23 (period April, 2022 to June, 2022). The details of All India Power Supply Position for the months of April, 2022 to June, 2022 as compared to the corresponding months of 2021, are given at Annexure.

(c) : The Central Government had launched Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) in November, 2015 with the objective of financial and operational turnaround of the State owned Power Distribution Companies (DISCOMs), wherein one of the operational parameters to be targeted was reduction in gap between Average Cost of Supply (ACS) & Average Revenue Realised (ARR) to zero.

UDAY completed its term in 2019. As per the Report of Power Finance Corporation (PFC) on Performance of Power Utilities 2019-20, the All India Gap of ACS(Rs./kWh) and ARR (Rs./kWh) during 2015-16 was 0.48 when the UDAY was launched vis-à-vis during 2019-20 was Rs.0.30/kWh

Also, to bring reforms in Distribution Sector, the Central Government has launched a new Reforms-based and Results-linked, Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) in July 2021 with the objective of improving the quality and reliability of power supply to consumers through a financially sustainable and operationally efficient Distribution Sector in the country. The scheme inter alia aims to reduce the pan-India level of ACS-ARR gap to zero by 2024-25. The scheme focuses on comprehensive metering based on smart meters systems in order to improve billing and collection efficiency. Funds are available for undertaking loss reduction measures on priority. The scheme also has mandatory pre-qualifications relating to timely payment of due amounts from the State Government regularly.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 170 ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 28.07.2022

The details of All India Power Supply Position for the months of April, 2022 to June, 2022 as compared to the corresponding months of 2021.

Month	2022-23				2021-22				% Change	
	Energy Requirement	Energy Supplied	Energy not Supplied		Energy Requirement	Energy Supplied	Energy not Supplied		Energy Requirement	Energy Supplied
	(MU)	(MU)	(MU)	(%)	(MU)	(MU)	(MU)	(%)	(%)	(%)
April	134,781	132,028	2,752	2.0	117,496	117,080	417	0.4	14.7	12.8
May	135,765	135,156	609	0.4	109,085	108,809	276	0.3	24.5	24.2
June (*)	134,215	133,470	746	0.6	114,837	114,483	353	0.3	16.9	16.6

(*)- Provisional data for 2022-23
