

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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STATE POWER MINISTERS CONFERENCE
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Power Ministers conference was held in June to discuss the power situation in the country;
- (b) if so, whether any target fixed for power generation during the 10th Plan;
- (c) if so, whether the Union Government have urged States to meet power generation targets;
- (d) whether number of projects have not been undertaken so far;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (f) the names of the States where these projects have not undertaken; and
- (g) the details of the help and assistance the Centre has agreed to provide to these States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a): Yes, Sir. The centre has impressed upon the states that they should take up the work on all feasible Tenth Plan power projects within next few months and in any case within the financial year so that the Tenth Plan targets could be met.

(b) & (c) : A capacity addition target of 41,110 MW projects (25417 MW-Thermal, 14393 MW-Hydro & 1300 MW-Nuclear) has been set for 10th Plan. A capacity of 3276 MW has been added till 30th June, 2003. This comprises of 2541 MW thermal and 735MW hydro.

(d) to (f) : The Tenth Plan target for capacity addition in the State Sector has been set as 11157 MW. Out of this, projects totaling 1418 MW have already been commissioned and projects totaling 5076.69 MW are under execution. Remaining projects are under award/investment decision. In the Power Ministers` Conference, various States committed to lace awards and start work on all the remaining power projects within 2003-04 to ensure completion of these projects by the end of 10th Plan.

(g) : The centre is rendering assistance to states in obtaining earlier clearances/inputs, resolving major bottlenecks. Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has mobilized themselves to see that execution of a good project is not hampered due to lack of funds.