

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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POLICY FOR POWER SUPPLY
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 50% of the nation's population do not have access to electricity;
- (b) if so, whether this has forced the Government to announced a policy vision to ensure power for all by 2012;
- (c) whether the Union Government have decided to increase its financial stakes in power projects nation-wise;
- (d) if so, the time by which this help for power projects are likely to be released; and
- (e) the amount earmarked for this purpose?

Answer

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

- (a) : As per census of India, 2001 about 44% households of the country do not utilize electricity as a source of lighting.
 - (b) : The Conference of Chief Ministers/Power Ministers chaired by the Prime Minister on 3rd March, 2001 resolved inter-alia that all villages in the country be electrified by the year 2007 and access be provided to all households by 2012.
 - (c) to (e) : More than 55% of capacity addition of 41,110 MW envisaged for 10th Plan is in the Central Sector. The Central Plan outlay has been increased by more than three times in the 10th Plan in comparison to the 9th Plan. Total outlay of Rs.1,43,399 crore has been allocated to Central Sector in the 10th Plan in comparison to Rs.45,591 crore allocated in the 9th Plan.
- Further, to assist the States in obtaining adequate resources for completing power projects, Power Finance Corporation and Rural Electrification Corporation have mobilized themselves adequately to see that execution of a good project in the State Sector is not hampered due to lack of funds.