

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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PRIVATISATION OF POWER GRID TRANSMISSION LINES
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have been seriously considering privatization of power grid transmission lines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have also been seriously considering privatization of those SEBs which are not working satisfactorily; and
- (d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : There is no proposal to privatize existing transmission lines of POWERGRID. However, in order to augment its capability, POWERGRID is securing private sector investment in construction of new transmission lines/interconnections. POWERGRID has formed a Joint Venture with M/s. Tata Power for implementing certain transmission lines under Transmission System associated with Tala HEP, East- North Interconnector and Northern Region Transmission System. POWERGRID has also identified a pilot project i.e. Bina-Nagda-Dehgam Transmission Line for implementation through Independent Power Transmission Company (IPTC) route.

(c) & (d) : Privatization of distribution of electricity by the States is one of the options envisaged for bringing about a turnaround in distribution.