

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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APDRP

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had launched an Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme few years back to expedite reforms in the power sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the date on which the said programme was launched and the total amount spent under this programme till 31st March, 2005;
- (c) whether a need for revamping of the said programme is being felt;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government so far for revamping of the said programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Government had launched Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) in the year 2002-03 in order to reduce Aggregate Technical and Commercial losses, improving quality of supply of power, increasing revenue collection and improving consumer satisfaction. The said programme has two components viz.

(i) investment component; and

(ii) incentive component. Under investment component, funds are released as Additional Central Plan Assistance to the States for strengthening and upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution system. Under the incentive component of APDRP, 50% of the actual cash loss reduction effected is given as grant to such Utilities that reduce cash losses over the base year of 2000-01. The Government has sanctioned projects amounting to Rs.19182.33 crores under investment component of APDRP so far, out of which APDRP component is Rs.11279.87 crores and the Government has already released an amount of Rs.5642.56 crores under this component of programme. An aggregate amount of 1471.36 crore has been released as incentive to seven States under incentive component of APDRP.

(c) to (e) : Component of independent evaluation has been built in for every project that is completed. So far, independent evaluation was entrusted to Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, SBI Capital Markets Ltd., Mumbai and TATA Consultancy Services (TCS), New Delhi for 66 projects. Changes in the programme, if any, will depend on the outcome of the evaluation reports.