

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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POWER PROBLEMS DUE TO SNOWFALL  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the power problem has intensified in some parts of the country due to snowfall;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total difference in the demand and supply assessed till the end of 2005 in such states;
- (d) whether power generation capacity has been enhanced in such states during the year;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the power plants in such states have been affected by snowfall; and
- (g) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE )

(a) & (b) : During the current financial year, power supply position was mainly affected in J&K and Himachal Pradesh due to snowfall in the month of January, 2006. Heavy snowfall and thunderstorms led to tripping of Kisenpur – Pampore D/C line on 2nd January, 2006 curtailing supply of around 250 – 300 MW to the valley. However, the lines were restored on 6th January, 2006 normalising the power supply. Apart from this there were breakdowns in the distribution network which affected power supply to the State.

Baspa HPS (3x100 MW), an IPP located in Himachal Pradesh, was affected by landslide due to movement of Glacier, causing damage on 19th January, 2006 leading to reduction in generation by 150 – 200 MW to Himachal Pradesh.

(c) : During the period April – December, 2005, the actual power supply position in J&K and Himachal Pradesh (H.P.) was as under:

Energy      Peak

Require- Availability Shortage Shortage Demand Met Shortage Shortage  
ment (MU) (MU) (%) (MW) (MW) (MW) (%)  
(MU)

J&K	6466	5719	747	11.6	1450	1225	225	15.5
H.P.	3142	3133	9	0.3	749	749	0	0

(d) & (e) : No new capacity addition was planned in the State Sector in J&K during 2005-06. In Himachal Pradesh during the year 2005-06, Larji HEP (3x42 MW) was programmed for commissioning during July-September, 2005. The project got delayed due to slow progress of Civil Works mainly in surge shaft and desilting chambers and erection of main valves and gas insulated switchgear.

(f) : As already answered in reply to part (a) and (b) Baspa HPS in Himachal Pradesh was affected due to movement of Glacier.

(g) : Machines at Baspa are expected to come on bar by March, 2006.