

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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ELECTRICITY TO HOUSEHOLDS  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether electricity is available for all households in the country;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has notified the setting up of National Electricity Authority;
- (d) if so, the salient features thereof; and
- (e) the short term, medium term and long term measures taken by the Government to ensure adequate availability of power in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF POWER ( SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE )

- (a) : No, Sir. As per 2001 census only 43.52% rural households are electrified.
- (b) : A few of the main reasons attributable for large number of households remaining un-electrified in the country are : -
  - (i) Inadequacy of funds with state power utilities.
  - (ii) Inability of State Government/State Power Utilities to carry-out households electrification in the State because rural electrification projects are financially non-viable even with soft term loan.
  - (iii) Limited capability/capacity of state power utilities to take up large-scale electrification of rural households because of their poor financial health.
  - (iv) There was never special emphasis on electrification of households under various schemes introduced so far except in Kutir Jyoti scheme where service connections were provided to rural households coming Below Poverty Line.
- (c) : No, Sir.
- (d) : Question does not arise.
- (e) : The short and long terms measures being taken to improve the availability of power in the country, include:-
  - Short term measures:
    - (i) A capacity addition of 41, 110 MW has been targeted for being set up in the 10th Plan.
    - (ii) Early stabilization of newly commissioned units and overall increase of PLF of thermal units.
    - (iii) R&M and Life Extension of old and inefficient generating units.
    - (iv) Power Finance Corporation and Rural Electrification Corporation have mobilized themselves to see that execution of a good project is not hampered due to lack of funds.
  - Long term measures:
    - (i) Projects worth over 60,000 MW have been identified for commissioning during 11th Plan and advance action has already been started to ensure their commissioning in 11th Plan.
    - (ii) For coordinated development of hydro sector, 50,000 MW initiative has been launched.
    - (iii) Identification of sites for thermal capacity over 1,00,000 MW.
    - (iv) Creation of National grid for optimum utilization of generation capacity and inter-regional transfer of power.
    - (v) Encouraging standalone systems and decentralized generation of power.

