

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
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TRAINING TO OFFICIALS UNDER DRUM  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of officials to be trained under the Distribution Reforms Upgrades and Management (DRUM);
- (b) the number of officials imparted training so far;
- (c) the impact of such training on the progress and performance of Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme(APDRP); and
- (d) the time span within which all the officials are likely to be trained?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER ( SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE )

(a) to (d) : Ministry of Power has set target of training 20,000 distribution utility engineers, managers as well as staff personnel of regulatory commissions of various States by September 2008 under Distribution Reforms Upgrades and Management (DRUM) project being assisted by United States Agency for International Development (USAID). 7563 participants have already been trained under the programme till the end of October 2006.

The training activity under DRUM program is regionally spread, and delivered through several geographically dispersed Indian Institutions. The main achievement of the training programmes under DRUM is in dissemination of knowledge on commercially viable electricity distribution systems and establishment of commercial framework, which are the programmatic goals of Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP). The program has caused favourable impact on implementation of the APDRP by preparing and building cadre of engineers and officers, well versed and knowledgeable on all aspects of distribution business, interface with consumers and all technical commercial and operational aspects of distribution.