

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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TASK FORCE ON ENERGY SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) the efforts made by the Government for providing the benefit of the technological development in energy sector to each and every citizen and outcome of such efforts;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to constitute a task force on Energy Sector ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which it is likely to be constituted ?

**Answer**

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

(a) : Major power utilities like NTPC Ltd., National Hydroelectric Power Corporation and Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. have in-house R&D set up which address introduction and absorption of new technology. The major Indian equipment manufacturer Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. has its own R&D set up focusing on product development. The Central Power Research Institute has in-house research facilities and also disburses research funds to utilities, industries and academic institutions. The Ultra Mega Power Project initiative has been launched for development of power projects on tariff based bidding on the latest super critical technology for Thermal Power Generation. With gains from economies of scale and overall improvement in thermal efficiency, levelised tariff as quoted by the successful developer in respect of the first two projects i.e. Sasan and Mundra UMPPs is extremely competitive.

(b) to (d) : According to information made available by the Planning Commission, they have not constituted any task force on energy sector recently.