

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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ENERGY SECURITY
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make energy security as a National Mission ; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) : The Expert Committee on Integrated Energy Policy, in its report has recommended the following key steps to enhance energy security - reducing energy requirements through energy conservation, substituting imported energy by domestic alternatives, diversifying supply sources, expanding resource base, developing alternative energy resources, increasing ability to import energy and face market risk and increasing redundancy to deal with technical risks. Accordingly, in the power sector, due priority has been given to increase generation capacity using indigenous fuel resources especially coal. Hydro is another identified thrust area. In addition to this, demand side management and energy conservation have been accorded due priority.