

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOCATION OF POWER
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a cut in the power supply to the extent of 247 Megawatt in the power plants located in Eastern India;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Union Government is contemplating to resume the supply; and
- (d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be resumed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) to (d) : 15% capacity in central sector generating stations (CGSs) is kept at the disposal of Central Government which is generally distributed within the region keeping in view the power shortages and emergent requirements of the States/UTs from time to time.

As the Eastern Region (ER) is surplus in power, and as the ER constituents had to pay fixed cost for the full capacity, the unallocated power of CGSs in ER as well as the share surrendered by ER constituents has been allocated outside the ER on year to year basis. Subsequently, ER constituents have been insisting for restoration of surrendered shares in view of demand going up as well as providing power shortages in certain States of ER. The surrendered shares were partially restored w.e.f. 1st October, 2004 resulting in reduction in availability of unallocated power in NTPC stations in ER from 1069 MW to 748 MW for allocation to States outside the region.