

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SHORTAGE OF POWER

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Economic Advisory Council (EAC) has recently highlighted the problem of shortage of power in the country;
- (b) if so, the recommendations made by the council to deal with the situation; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

(a) to (c): The Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC) has highlighted the problem of shortage of power in the country in the `Economic Outlook for 2009-10` brought out by EAC in October, 2009. Some of the recommendations made by the EAC in the said report relate to facilitating private investment in power generation, avoiding slippages in meeting Plan targets for additional capacity creation, diversifying fuel sources and developing more natural gas and nuclear energy based power plants. Several measures have been initiated by the Government to address the issue of power shortage and facilitate private investment. These include 100% FDI on automatic route in respect of projects relating to electricity generation, transmission and distribution; close and comprehensive monitoring of power projects under construction; initiative for facilitating the development of Ultra Mega Power Projects of about 4000 MW capacity each under the tariff based competitive bidding route using super critical technology; institution of an award scheme for early completion of power projects; stress on augmentation of manufacturing capacity of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, and liberalization of Mega Power Policy.