

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SHORTAGE OF TRAINED EMPLOYEES IN POWER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the power sector of the country is facing shortage of trained employees;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps or propose to take steps to employ the youth in technical works in power sector like generation, transmission and distribution after imparting training to them and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, COAL AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): The Working Group on Power for 12th Plan has assessed an additional requirement of 4,08,000 skilled persons to meet the future needs of Power Sector in their report. The Working Group also reported that sufficient number of Engineers, Managers and Diploma Holders were available, however, certain gaps were noticed in respect of lower level of skills concerning related technical/vocational courses of ITI level.

(c) : Government has initiated 'Adopt an ITI' scheme to upgrade the infrastructure and improve the quality of training. Central Public Sector Undertakings in Power Sector have, so far, adopted 60 ITIs. Further, Power Sector Skill Council has been set up with the objective to regulate the skill development activities, create skill database, improve capacity for training delivery and provide quality assurance via accreditation & certification for this sector.