

Title: Need to provide at least 1000 MW of power from the Central pool to Karnataka reeling under the power crisis.

SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI (DHARWAD): Karnataka is facing a major power shortage. The state is currently having a shortage of power ranging between 1500 MW and 2000 MW. While the State's requirement is 167 MU (Million Units) per day, it receives only 127 MU, resulting in a shortage of 40 MU. Further aggravating the situation, the Udupi Power Corporation Limited (UPCL) thermal plant, which was providing 1200 MW, has suddenly tripped. The Raichur Thermal Power Station (RTPS) (200 MW) is down. The problem at Bellary Thermal Power Station (BTPS) unit is also yet to be resolved and central generating stations are supplying only 250 MW. Wind generation too has fallen alarmingly from 1000 MW to just 300 MW. The worst sufferers are the small and medium enterprises. As most of them do not have captive power plants, they have to depend solely on the State power generating units. In the light of the severe power crisis in the State, I request the Union Government to provide at least 1000 MW of power to the Karnataka from the Central Pool as soon as possible.