

India ranks 107th on per capita power consumption according to IEA, which is not adequate to meet \$5 trillion goal argued by Economic survey, hence effective centre-state cooperation is required.

central government (MOP) has been accused from time to time to violate the concurrent subject of power, for instance

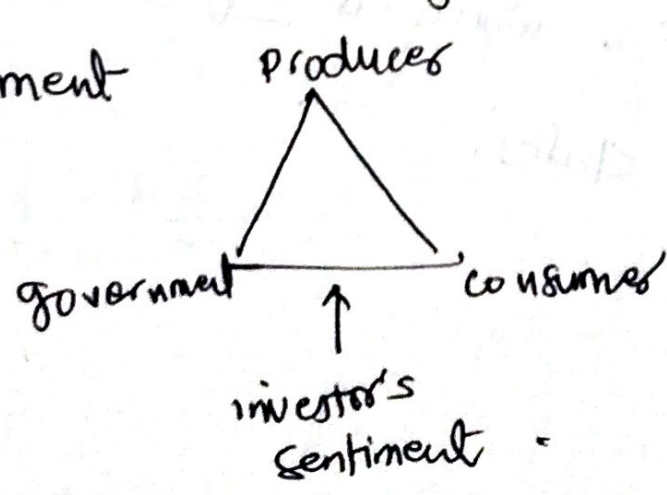
① Amendment of Electricity Act 2003 and making central contract enforcement Authority to enforce contract

→ despite knowing dynamic pricing which goes against long term power purchase Agreement, which is defaulted by UP, AP and other states.

176 section of Electricity Act 2003 provides
centre to override state but through
amendment, constitutional provision has
been violated. The union government
completely regulate "promoters" - producers
and consumers.

(ii) VDAY scheme which is one sided forced
upon state, has raised states debt and
Discoms aggregated debt again rose upto
1.76 lakh crore. This increased NPA
project overrun and tariff upon
consumers.

(iii) lack of cooperation between CERC and SERC
of various state is against overall economic
environment



- (iv) privatisation of Discom is again centrally enforced decision which could have been taken with states consultancy.
- (v) strict lockdown — which closed several industries and power producers demand, hurted the finances of discom.
- (vi) There has been delays in Tariff forecast and renewable periodically due to lack of synergy between state & centre.

way forward

India needs 10% CAGR against current 6% CAGR in production and supply of power which can be done through

(i) Autonomy to SERC to decide Tariff, handle Discom → cooperatise Discom & remove ARCT losses.

(ii) Bringing privatisation in like Delhi where Pvt. brought down ARCT losses from 14% to 9%

(iii) Empowering APTEL to guide state regulatory authority and supervise CCBA.

(iv) Building effective ~~competit~~ competition on CCI norms & cooperation through power banks to transfer surplus state to deficient state.

(v) R&D to bring smart metering - power theft, transparency, real time pricing through PRAPI & PRAKASH portal.