

**GS- III. Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc.**

- 1. Reforms in the Power Sector are urgent if the country is to Eliminate Distortions that keep the Economy below its potential. Comment**

**Why this Question?**

- ▶▶ Besides recent economic slowdown, structural impediments to long-term growth have been festering. One area where the wounds threaten to turn gangrenous is in the power sector.

**Key Demands of Question:**

- ▶▶ Explain the importance of the power sector in the economic growth.
- ▶▶ List out the challenges in the power sector.
- ▶▶ Explain how the structural distortions in the power sector undermine the economic growth.

**Directive word:**

**Comment:**

- ▶▶ When you are asked to comment, you have to pick main points and give your 'opinion' on them based on evidences or arguments stemming from your wide reading.
- ▶▶ Your opinion may be for or against, but you must back your argument with evidences.
- ▶▶ These types of question offer you a chance to consolidate your reading of different subjects to justify your opinion.

**Structure of Answer:**

**Introduction:**

- ▶▶ Give brief intro about the Indian power sector and the challenges it faces based on the facts and the Figures.

**Body:**

- ▶▶ Give brief information on the power sector.
- ▶▶ Explain in detail about the importance of the power sector for the economic growth of the country. For example, poverty alleviation, employment generation, industrial growth, etc.
- ▶▶ List out the challenges faced by the power sector in the generation, distribution and transmission segments. For example discoms facing severe debt.
- ▶▶ Explain in detail about the reforms needed in the power sector.
- ▶▶ Mention the government intervention in the power sector. For example UDAY scheme, One Nation One Grid, etc.
- ▶▶ Explain other alternative measures to tackle the challenges.

**Conclusion:**

- ▶▶ Conclude with the way forward measures and to attain the vision on the accessible and the affordable power to all.

