



Bright days ahead: The Delhi Chief Minister, Ms Sheila Dikshit, being welcomed by the Chairman, FICCI-Western region council and MD, Salora International, Mr Sushil Jiwarajka (extreme left), watched by the Power Minister, Mr Haroon Yusuf (extreme right) and the Secretary General, FICCI, Dr Amit Mitra, at a conference on "Five Years of Power Sector Reforms in Delhi: A Review" organised by FICCI in New Delhi on Wednesday. — Kamal Narang

Power sector reforms a success story: Dikshit

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Terming the power reforms in the Capital a "success story", the Chief Minister, Ms Sheila Dikshit, on Wednesday said the Capital was set to get an additional 8,000 MW electricity in the next three years.

Addressing a seminar on 'Five Years of Power Sector Reforms in Delhi: A Review', she said when her Government had launched power reforms by involving private sector, there was a great degree of anxiety and apprehension about the success of the initiative.

"But after five years, I can tell you that the change for better is visible everywhere. Quality of power supply has improved. It is a success story. Delhi has been the finest success story of power sector reforms," she said.

"The situation would further improve by 2009-10 when we will get an additional 8,000 MW from Dadri, Bawana, Bamnauli and Jhajjar power projects," Ms Dikshit said at the seminar organised by FICCI.

The Delhi Government is going to set up two gas-based power projects — at Bawana and Bamnauli — with a com-

bined capacity of 2,000 MW, while it has entered into an agreement with NTPC and the Haryana Government to set up a coal-based power plant in Jhajjar in the neighbouring State.

The Capital is expected to get 750 MW from this plant besides power from other sources.

In his address, the Power Minister, Mr Haroon Yusuf, said after privatisation of power sector, the transmission and distribution losses have been brought down substantially from 50 per cent and the Government expected to bring it down to 15 per cent next year.