

(c) No, Sir.

Plant load factor for State Power Station

2869. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAM BHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1267 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st July 1992 and state:

(a) what is the plant load factor for the current year for the State Sector Power Stations;

(b) the average Plant Load Factor for the country; and

(c) what are the reasons for deviation from the material average with respect to the different power stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The required information is given below:—

Plant Load Factor (%)		
	Target 1992-93	Achievement upto June 92
Central Sector	62.3	59.6
State Sector	54.8	54.9
Private Sector	54.8	64.2
All India	57.2	56.9

(c) Performance of thermal power stations varies from station to station and depends on age of the plant, availability of requisite quantity and quality of coal, maintenance problems, labour productivity and other system/technical constraints.

Proposal for setting up coal gas based power generation plants in Madhya Pradesh

2870. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set a coal gas based power generation plants in Madhya Pradesh to meet the electricity shortage in the State;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to (a) be in negative whether Government propose to study the viability of setting up coal gas based power plants in Madhya Pradesh due to location of large Coal-mines in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Studies have shown that the viability of the technology for coal gasification for power generation has not been established. Studies conducted so far indicate that it would be necessary to set up pilot/demonstration plant (s) using coal gas for power generation. The viability of setting up coal gas for power generation. The viability of setting up coal gas based commercial power plants, could be studied only after obtaining the design and operating experience from the pilot/demonstration plant(s).

Power projects pending for last 15 years

2871. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the total number of power projects pending for want of approval of Government of India for the last 15 years, 10 years, 5 years and last one year;