

(b) The total installed nuclear power capacity in the country is 4120 MWe. Out of this, 320 MWe (Tarapur Atomic Power Station units 1 and 2) uses low enriched imported Uranium and is operated at full capacity. The remaining capacity of 3800 MWe uses indigenous natural uranium. There is a mismatch in demand and supply of fuel. This capacity is, therefore, being operated at lower power levels matching indigenous fuel supply.

(c) The overall utilization for the capacity in operation, given in terms of average annual capacity Factor for last three years has been;

2005—06	74%
2006—07	63%
2007—08	54%

(d) The tariffs for nuclear power stations are fixed at normative levels of operation and therefore the escalated production cost on account of under utilization of the capacity has been absorbed by Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited and not passed on to the consumers.

Funds for production of Uranium

† *155. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has allocated Rs. 700 crores to 800 crores under the Eleventh Plan to enhance the production of uranium in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the separate percentage of plan and non-plan expenditure out of the allocation; and

(c) the volume of domestic production of uranium in the country at the end of Eleventh Plan after the said expenditure and the extent by which it would exceed the production of the year 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of expenditure for exploration and production of uranium deposits are as follows:

Exploration :

(i) Augmentation of uranium resources by Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD)	Rs.372.82 crore
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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(ii) Prospecting and Exploratory mining of uranium by AMD Rs.170 crore

(iii) DAE Projects for exploration of uranium from the secondary sources. Rs.135 crore

TOTAL:	Rs.677.82 crore
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Production :

Sl. No.	Eleventh Plan Projects of UCIL	Govt. allocation (Rs. in crore)
(i)	Uranium ore mining project at Mohuldih, Jharkhand	37.00
(ii)	Uranium ore mining and milling project at Lambapur, Andhra pradesh	213.00
(iii)	Kylleng Pyndengsohiong Mawthabah Uranium mining and milling project in Meghalaya	406.50
(iv)	Uranium ore mining and processing plant at Tummalapalle in Anthra pradesh.	553.00
(v)	Uranium ore mining project at Banduhurang	15.50
(vi)	Enhancement of capacity of Turamdih Mine	20.00
(vii)	Expansion of Jaduguda/Turamdih Mills	20.00
(viii)	Uranium project at Gogi	15.00
TOTAL:		1280.00

Non plan is not included under Eleventh Five Year Plan Outlay

(c) It is not in public interest to disclose the volume of uranium production in the country.

Cost overruns

*156. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to his Ministry's Report on the status of Central Government, 897 infrastructure projects worth Rs. 3,59,451 crore, surveyed between July and September, 2007 shows that 318 projects are running behind schedule;

(b) whether it is a fact that as on 30th September, 2007 delayed projects witnessed cost overruns of 15.32 per cent, thereby increasing the cost by Rs. 24,670 crore;

(c) if so, the reasons for huge cost overrun of 318 delayed projects, Sector-wise and location-wise; and