

78,700 MW. Against this, a capacity of 15324.7 MW has been added up to 29.07.2009 including the spill-over generation projects of Tenth Five Year Plan.

**Increase in tariff by NTPC, Farakka**

3324. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state whether Government is aware that Farakka Plant of NTPC has increased the electricity tariff supplied to West Bengal SEDCL from 167 paise/kwh in May, 2008 to 317 paise/kwh in April, 2009?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): Yes, Sir. Tariff billed by NTPC in case of Farakka Plant for the electricity supplied to West Bengal SFDCL was 167 paise/kwh in May, 2008 and 317 paise/kwh in April, 2009. The increase in electricity tariff has been mainly due to the use of costlier imported coal during the month of April, 2009. Subsequently based on actual consumption of coal, the charges for the month of April'09 was reduced from 317 p/kwh to 254 p/kwh in the month of June'09 and credit for the same was given to West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (SEDCL) in the month of June'09 itself.

The tariff to all NTPC power plants including Farakka Plant are determined by Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) with a provision for adjustment on account of price and quality of coal used for generation each month.

**Development of hydro-electricity sector**

3325. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the long term development plans in the hydro-electricity sector and how much capacity addition is likely to be achieved during the next two years;

(b) whether Government has achieved the capacity addition plan as envisaged for the current year; and

(c) if not, how Government is going to achieve its capacity addition plan during the current Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) In order to meet the requirement of additional capacity addition in the hydro electricity sector, a total of 15,627 MW capacity addition has been programmed during the Eleventh Plan. The hydro capacity addition during the next two years is as under:-

| Year    | Programme |
|---------|-----------|
| 2009-10 | 845 MW    |
| 2010-11 | 1,809 MW  |

During the Twelfth Plan (2012-17), a shelf of 109 candidate hydro projects having an aggregate capacity of 30,920 MW have been prepared as a part of long term development