

### **Electricity for all**

1755. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Electricity Act, 2003, mandates to provide electricity to all by 2010;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the National Electricity Policy envisages that the entire electricity demand of the country has to be met by 2012; and

(c) if so, what is the progress in respect of part (a) above and what measures the Ministry is taking or proposes to take to meet the demand in full by 2012?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Following steps have been taken by the Government to increase availability of power in the country to meet the demand in full by 2012:

- (i) A capacity addition target of 78,700 MW from conventional energy sources has been set for the 11th Plan. Out of this, capacity of approximately 15,325 MW has already been commissioned as on 13.07.2009.
- (ii) A capacity of about 14,000 MW is planned to be added from renewable energy sources.
- (iii) Development of Ultra Mega Power Projects of 4,000 MW each.
- (iv) Harnessing surplus captive power of about 12,000 MW into the grid during 11th Plan.
- (v) Launching of 50,000 MW hydro initiative for accelerated development of hydro power in the country.
- (vi) Renovation, Modernization & Life Extension of old and inefficient generation units.
- (vii) Augmentation of manufacturing capacity of power project equipment manufacturers.
- (viii) Promoting demand side management, energy efficiency and energy conservation measures.
- (ix) Development of an extensive network of high voltage transmission commensurate with the capacity addition programme and new inter-regional transmission capacities through the development of a National Grid.

### **Setting up of power projects**

1756. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any request from State Governments, particularly from Tamil Nadu, as it is facing power shortage, for setting up of power projects in their States;