

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir. Government of Andhra Pradesh had requested for at least 85% of power from Simhadri Stage-II (2x500 MW) of NTPC Ltd.

(b) and (c) The project has been approved by NTPC Ltd.'s Board as a Regional Power Station supplying power to all Southern States *i.e.* Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala and Union Territory of Puducherry. As such the allocation of power from this station shall be made as per guidelines for allocation of power from Central Generating Stations. Andhra Pradesh would be entitled to its share including home State share in line with the prevailing guidelines of Ministry of Power.

Bachat Lamp Yojana

2538.SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been consulted initiatives, both in public and private sectors, to promote the use of CFL, to effect substantial saving in power consumption;

(b) whether the Bachat Lamp Yojana (BLY) has been launched to replace high wattage incandescent bulb with 11-15 watt. CFL;

(c) whether these initiatives, jointly by Government, CFL makers and power distribution companies, would have, any subsidy components; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Bachat Lamp Yojana (BLY) scheme has been formally launched by the Minister of Power on 25th February, 2009.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

Power shortage

2539.SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of power to the tune of 15 per cent during peak period in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the per capita consumption of electricity would reach more than 1000 units in the next two years; and

(c) if so, how the Ministry is planning to overcome the 15 per cent shortage and meet the increasing per capita demand in the country as various projects of 67,593 MW are still in primitive stage of construction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) During the period April-June, 2009, the peak shortage in the country was of the order of 12.3% (13,711 MW).

(b) The per capita consumption of electricity is likely to increase in the next two years depending upon the power supply position, consumer usage pattern and new generating capacity additions in the system.

(c) The following steps have been taken/are being taken to meet the shortage and increasing the per capita consumption of power in the country:-

i) A capacity addition target of 78,700 MW from conventional energy sources has been set for the 11th Plan. Out of this, a capacity of approximately 15,075 MW has been commissioned.

ii) Development of Ultra Mega Power Projects of 4,000 MW each.

iii) Harnessing surplus captive power into the grid. A capacity of 12,000 MW of captive power is likely to be added to the system during 11th Plan.

iv) Launch of 50,000 MW hydro initiative for accelerated development of hydro power in the country.

v) Renovation, Modernization & Life Extension of old and inefficient generating units.

vi) Promoting demand side management, energy efficiency and energy conservation measures.

vii) Augmentation of gas supply to utilize the stranded capacity of gas based power stations.

viii) Import of coal to bridge the gap between the requirement of coal and its availability from the domestic sources.

ix) Reduction of Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) losses under Restructured Accelerated Power Development Reforms Programme (RAPDRP).

Power project in Andhra Pradesh

2540.SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has sent any proposal for the financial help from the Ministry for the 4,000 mega watt prestigious project done through APGENCO in Kanaparathi area of Prakasam district of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken, so far; and

(d) if not, by when action would be taken and funds would be released to this prestigious project in the State to complete it in time?

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

(b) to (d) In view of (a) above, questions do not arise.