

(b) if so, the action being taken in this regard and by when the approval would be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter of allocation of power from this plant is under consideration of the Government. The decision in the matter will be taken in due course.

#### **Completion of power projects**

1959. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of poor performance of the power sector, Government has put in place a stringent monitoring mechanism for timely completion of the power projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government's entire focus towards achieving power generation target in the past few years has yielded unimpressive results;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the latest strategies formulated/proposed to be made to achieve the power generation targets during the current fiscal year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI):

(a) and (b) Government has put in place a stringent monitoring mechanism for timely completion of power projects. The following steps have been taken to further streamline and improve monitoring mechanism:

1. Monitoring mechanism has been strengthened to achieve targets by designating a nodal officer in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for each project. The nodal officers keep track of construction activities and make frequent visits to the power plant to have on the spot assessment of progress of work. The bottlenecks if any are identified and solutions thereof are decided in consultation with project authorities and executing agencies. Efforts are being made to minimize contractual problems so as to avoid delays during project execution.
2. Review of progress of project is being done at the highest level *i.e.* Secretary (Power), Chairperson, CEA and at the level of Minister of Power for timely completion of Projects.
3. Ministry of Power (MOP) has constituted Power Project Monitoring Panel (PPMP) having consultants to monitor projects for effective monitoring of projects.

(c) and (d) Against a targeted capacity of 33,636 MW planned for the year 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, a capacity of 18,859 MW has already been achieved till date. The reasons for slippages are given as under:-

- Delay in placement of orders,
- Delay in sequential supplies and erection of equipment,
- Shortage of skilled manpower/commissioning teams,
- Delay in resolution of contractual issues,
- Constraints in movement of heavy equipment due to bottlenecks in road transportation,
- Inadequate deployment of construction machinery,
- Delay in Environment and Forest clearance,
- Land acquisition problems,
- Shortage of fuel,

(e) In order to achieve the power generation targets during the current fiscal year, in addition to the monitoring mechanism being as mentioned above, of lately an advisory group of retired Secretaries (Power) has been constituted and is functioning to advise MOP on the major issues of concern coming in the way of timely completion of Projects.

#### **Achievement of Eleventh Plan power generation targets**

1960. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has assessed the power generation targets for Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the assistance taken from private players during the last five years; and
- (d) the investment identified in the areas where private players are intended for this Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI):  
 (a) and (b) A capacity addition target of 78,700 MW has been set, comprising 59693 MW thermal, 15627 MW hydro and 3380 MW nuclear during the Eleventh Plan Period. Based on the current assessment, a total capacity addition of 62,374 MW is likely to be commissioned with a high level of certainty during Eleventh Plan. In addition projects totaling to 12,590 MW are being attempted 'on best efforts basis' for commissioning during the Eleventh Plan.

(c) During the last five years a generation capacity of 5,969 MW has been commissioned in Private Sector.

(d) A capacity addition target of 15043 MW has been fixed for the Private Sector during Eleventh Five Year Plan. Against this, a capacity of 4756.5 MW has been commissioned so far in the Eleventh Plan.