

(ACQ) of 6.4 Million Tonne (MT) against the annual coal requirement of 6.9 MT. In view of limited availability of coal from the domestic sources, the balance requirement is expected to be met through import of coal.

(c) and (d) Supply of inferior quality of coal to coal based thermal power plants increases the specific coal consumption of the power plant to attain the same level of generation; there is no decrease in power generation due to supply of inferior quality of coal.

(e) The availability of coal from the domestic sources falls short of the increasing requirement for electricity generation and the shortfall is being bridged through import of coal. With substantial coal based generating capacity addition planned in the coming years, it is expected that coal will have to be imported in the coming years to bridge the gap between its requirement and domestic availability. Under the New Coal Distribution Policy, the coal supply by the coal companies to the power utilities is governed through Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA) which includes provisions in regard to quality of coal supply.

Resource gap funding for power projects

1177. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as the gap between actual and targeted addition to power generation capacity during the Eleventh Five Year Plan gets wider, his Ministry has initiated discussions with RBI to bridge resources gap in funding of power projects;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has cleared the Eleventh Plan target to adding 78000 MW capacity;

(c) if so, to what extent Ministry has been able to cap finances for power projects; and

(d) by when a final decision in regard to finance will be taken and to what extent Government is confident of meeting target of the Eleventh Plan and also to complete projects in the Twelfth Plan?

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

(a) to (d) A capacity addition target of 78,700 MW has been set for the Eleventh Plan. All the generation projects under construction during the Eleventh Plan have achieved financial closure. According to the latest assessment of Central Electricity Authority, a capacity addition of 62,374 MW is likely to be achieved with a 'high level of certainty' during the Eleventh Plan period. In addition, projects totaling to 12,590 MW are being attempted for commissioning on 'best efforts' basis during the Eleventh Plan period. Planning Commission has not firmed up capacity addition target for the Twelfth Plan.