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(b) whether the technology can ensure 100 per cent desulphurization of Assam coal for the same use;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time estimated for the completion of the new power station?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) NTPC Limited is planning to set up coal based Thermal Power Plant at Bongaigaon with two or three, 250MW sub critical units within existing premises of Assam State Electricity Board (ASEB)'s, Bongaigaon Thermal Power Station (TPS) (4X60 MW) at Salakati in Kokrajar district of Assam, which is not operating for quite some time.

The Flue Gas Desulphurization (FGD) Plant is proposed to be set up for desulphurization purpose so as to allow use of high sulphur content Assam coal for this station. This plant will be capable of removing 90% sulphur-dioxide.

NTPC has already initiated action for undertaking site specific studies/ investigations, tying up of various inputs/clearances and preparation of Feasibility Report.

(d) The project is envisaged for commissioning in XI Plan.

Madarsas in the country

*359. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Madarsas, State-wise as on 1st April, 2006;

(b) what assistance is provided to the above Madarsas by Government;

(c) how many Madarsas are teaching Science, Maths and English as subject; and

(d) whether Government are aware of financial crunch being faced by various Madarsas in maintaining the institutions?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) While information on the number of Madarsas is not maintained centrally, the Central Government have assisted 1631 Madarsas during the financial year 2005-06, under the Scheme of Madarsas Modernisation Programme for imparting education in modern subjects like science, mathematics, English and Social Studies in these institution. Details of State-wise assistance provided and Madarsas benefited are given in Statement (See Below). This assistance is routed through the State Government for providing for up to two teachers per Madarssas @Rs. 3000/- per months for each teachers teaching modern subjects at the primary level and @Rs. 4000/- per month for each teacher teaching in higher classes. In addition, one time grant of Rs. 7000/- for purchase of Science and Maths kits as also a one time grant of Rs. 7000/- for book bank are provided to each Madarsas which seeks assistance under the scheme. The Government is not aware of the financial crunch being faced by Madarsas insofar as the implementation of the above scheme is concerned.

Statement

Madarsas Modernisation Programme

Sl. No.	Name of State	Amount released	Number of Madarssas benefited
		2005-06 (Rs. in Lakhs)	
1.	Uttar Pradesh	235.25	683
2.	Andhra Pradesh	35.20	60
3.	Maharashtra	3.16	4
4.	Tripura	45.72	127
5.	Bihar	79.92	111
6.	Orissa	168.96	116
7.	Madhya Pradesh	384.00	446
8.	Kerala	59.04	84
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