

Ultra mega power policy

†844. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of present status of Government's Ultra Mega Power Policy;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the current Ultra Mega Power Policy has failed;
- (c) if so, whether Government has chalked out a new policy to tackle the rising problem of electricity in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) There is no notified policy on Ultra Mega Power Project (UMPP). However, recognizing the fact that economies of scale leading to cheaper power can be secured through development of large size power projects, the Government has taken an initiative for facilitating the development of Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs) of about 4000 MW capacity each, under the tariff based competitive bidding route using super critical technology. Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has been nominated as nodal agency for the initiative and it incorporates project specific Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for each project.

The role of SPV is to obtain various clearances, water linkage, coal mine allocation (for domestic coal based projects) etc. for the project. The SPV also initiates action for land acquisition in the name of the SPV, selects the developer through a tariff based competitive bidding process and finally transfers the SPV to the identified developer along with the various clearances, tie ups, etc.

Under the initiative, so far four Ultra Mega Power Projects namely Sasan in Madhya Pradesh, Mundra in Gujarat, Krishnapatnam in Andhra Pradesh and Tilaiya in Jharkhand each of about 4000 MW have been awarded to the identified developers. These are at different stages of development. RfQs for Chhattisgarh (Sarguja) and Orissa (Berbahal) UMPPs have been published.

(b) to (d) No, Sir.

Power capacity addition target

†845. SHRI SATYAVARAT CHATURVEDI:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

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