

Shortage of gas in NTPC power plants

839. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that various gas-based power projects of NTPC are not in a position to generate power due to shortage of gas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has asked the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to clear the allocation of gas for NTPC power projects; and

(d) if so, the response of that Ministry and the details of any other steps Government proposes to take to ensure uninterrupted power generation by NTPC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI):
(a) and (b) As informed by NTPC, they are presently in a position to meet the fuel requirement of its existing gas based stations for uninterrupted power generation. Declared Capability (DC) by NTPC's gas stations and Scheduled generation (SG) during the current year (April-June'2010) are given below:-

Station	Declared Capability (%) on gas including RLNG	Scheduled generation (%)
Anta	82.21	76.29
Auraiya	88.01	80.79
Dadri	90.84	85.36
Faridabad	73.42	69.43
Kawas	83.31	78.92
Gandhar	89.46	84.68

At all gas stations, Scheduled generation (SG) is lower than Declared Capability (DC) mainly due to less drawl schedule by beneficiaries.

(c) and (d) For expeditious commissioning of the Kawas & Gandhar expansion projects which is pending since middle of 2005, Ministry of Power has requested Ministry of Petroleum &

Natural Gas (MOP&NG) on 23.07.2010 to place before the Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM) with the proposal for allocation of gas 12 Million Metric Standard Cubic Meter Per Day (MMSCMD). The response of MOP&NG is awaited.

Further, with the following arrangements, NTPC is presently in a position to meet the fuel requirement of its existing gas based stations and, there is no generation loss at NTPC gas stations on account of less gas supply:-

- (i) NTPC has long-term Agreements with M/s GAIL for supply of 14.48 MMSCMD (including 1.77 MMSCMD of PMT gas at APM price) of gas under APM category. However, owing to gas shortage, the delivered quantities have fallen short of the contracted quantities. The gas supplies under APM category for the period 2009-10 & 2010-11 (upto June'10) have been 9.08 & 9.43 MMSCMD respectively.
- (ii) EGOM (Empowered Group of Ministers) have allocated 4.46 MMSCMD KG D6 gas for NTPC's NCR stations, viz. Anta, Auraiya, Dadri and Faridabad. Out of 4.46 MMSCMD, NTPC has contracted 2.30 MMSCMD of KG D6 gas so far, without prejudice to NTPC vs. RIL court case in Bombay High Court pertaining to gas supplies for Kawas & Gandhar expansion projects. For the balance allocated 2.16 MMSCMD KG D6 gas, NTPC is in discussions with M/s RIL & M/s GAIL for supply & transportation of this quantity of gas.
- (iii) Agreements for supply of 2.5 MMSCMD (2.0 MMSCMD on firm basis and 0.5 MMSCMD on fallback basis) RLNG with M/s GAIL.
- (iv) Apart from the above firm tie-ups, NTPC is having Fallback RLNG supply agreements with M/s IOCL, M/s BPCL & M/s GSPC and arrangement to procure spot RLNG from domestic suppliers based on stations' requirement.

Streamlining of power tariff collection

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

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to streamline power tariff collection in some States during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and