

(c) The cost of power generation varies from project to project irrespective of sectors, and depends upon the type of power plant, type of fuel used, its transportation cost and, project's financial package etc. Therefore, it would not be appropriate to infer that cost of generation of power of Private Sector power plants is either lower/higher than that of the Public sector power plants.

(d) The Tariff Policy notified by the Central Government, *inter-alia*, provides that tariff of all new generation projects should be decided on the basis of competitive bidding, with some exemptions in hydro sector. Competition will lead to significant benefits to consumers through reduction in capital costs and efficiency of operations.

Rural electrification proposals of M.P.

†131. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals of Bhind, Bhopal, Gwalior, Hosangabad, Raisen, Rajgarh, Sihore, Vidisha, Badwani, Burhanpur, Dewas, Khandwa, Khargaoan, Mandsaur, Nimach and Shajapur in Madhya Pradesh are pending under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY);

(b) if so, the action taken, so far, by Government thereon; and

(c) whether, in view of the electricity problems of the State, Government would soon sanction these proposals and if so, the tentative date in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) to (c) 16 proposals namely Bhind, Bhopal, Gwalior, Hosangabad, Raisen, Rajgarh, Sihore, Vidisha, Badwani, Burhanpur, Dewas, Khandwa, Khargaon, Mandsaur, Nimuch and Shajapur of Madhya Pradesh were identified for consideration in Phase-II of RGGVY. The projects are under examination/consideration.

Instrument for detection of electricity faults

†132. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether electricians have any softwares/technical instruments to detect sudden power fault in the rural areas of the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.