

Upcoming power projects

3538. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

SHRI N.K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government wishes to set up 15 new thermal power projects during the next 5 to 7 years with a total capacity of about 30,000 MW;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) how Government proposes to procure coal for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL) : (a) to (c) The Planning Commission has set up a Working Group on Power for formulation of the Twelfth Five Year Plan under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Power). The Working Group in its Report, inter-alia, will suggest capacity addition programme for the Twelfth Plan, along with the requirement of various fuels including coal, which will be finally decided by the Planning Commission while formulating the Twelfth Five Year Plan. However, coal based power projects of more than 50,000 MW, for which coal linkage is available or coal blocks have been allotted, are under construction for likely benefits during the 12th Plan and beyond. The requirement of coal would be met through enhanced domestic production and import.

Capacity addition targets

3539. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

SHRI N.K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the target of adding 62,000 MW of power during the Eleventh Five Year Plan is in place;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, what is the expected achievement during 2011-12; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken to ensure achievement thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL) : (a) to (d) As per the Mid-term appraisal carried out by the Planning Commission, a capacity addition