

Sl. No.	Name of State/UTs	Allocation (in MW) from Sipat Stage-I	Allocation (in MW) from Sipat Stage-II
1.	Gujarat	540	273.00
2.	Madhya Pradesh	283	192.32
3.	Chhattisgarh	313	158.00
4.	Maharashtra	510	312.78
5.	Goa	20	11.60
6.	Daman and Diu	8	11.77
7.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	9	40.53
8.	Unallocated	297	0.00
Total		1980	1000

(d) The expenditure incurred on Sipat Super Thermal Power Project, Stage-I till June, 2011 is `7232.15 crores as against the approved cost of `8323.39 crores. Escalation of cost, if any, can be accounted for only after the completion of project. Consequent to resolution of the issues with M/s Power Machine in October, 2009, work on the project has been on progress. One unit of 660 MW has already been commissioned in June, 2011. The remaining two units are envisaged to be commissioned during the current financial year.

Impact of coal exploration policies on power sector

908. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indonesia and Australia is going to change the coal exploration policies;

(b) if so, what would be its impact on Indian power sector; and

(c) the steps Government proposes to take for providing coal to power companies in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) This pertains to future policy changes of the foreign Government, namely, Indonesia and Australia and no information is available in this regard.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply at (a) above.

(c) Following steps have been taken to meet the coal requirement of power utilities in the country:

- In view of limited availability of indigenous coal, Power Utilities were advised to import 35 Million Tonnes (MT) of coal for the year 2011-12. In addition, 20 MT coal is being imported by thermal power stations designed on imported coal.
- Ministry of Coal has been requested for increasing indigenous coal production.
- Possibility of overseas mining and long term tie up for import of coal are being explored.

Scheme to attract youngsters to S & T stream

909. SHRI A.A. JINNAH:

SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is urgent need to attract youngsters to join science and technology stream in order to counter the rapid strides of China and other developing countries and to promote high quality research to secure country's future; and

(b) if so, Government's plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. In order to promote scientific attitude among children, attract students to study science and pursue careers in research, the Department of Science and Technology under this Ministry has initiated two inter-related schemes namely 'Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE)' and the Scholarship for Higher Education (SHE)' in the current Plan Period. The main features of these schemes are i) to attract one million young innovators in the schools; ii) to provide exposure to youngsters with global science leaders; iii) to offer scholarships for bright students in science stream during their B. Sc./M. Sc. Courses; and also iv) to provide an assured opportunities for proven talent forces for pursuing doctoral and post-doctoral research. All these initiatives are aimed at generating interest in youth to conduct more and more research and produce valuable results towards countering rapid strides of other countries.

Apart from these, a number of ongoing schemes are also in operation by these Ministries in the form of Programme for Young Scientists and Fellowships like Swarnajayanthi Fellowships, Shyama Prasad Mookerjee Fellowships, KS Krishnan Fellowships, Ramanna Fellowships and J.C. Bose and Ramanujam Fellowships for practicing young scientists and technologists, and CSIR programme on Youth for Leadership in Science (CPYLS), Diamond Jubilee Research Interns Award Scheme, Junior/Senior Research Fellowships (JRF/SRF), Biotechnology Post Doctoral Research Associate-ship and Overseas Fellowships, Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY), National Science Olympiad Programme etc. for attracting and retaining young