

New power plants in Gujarat

2148. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of power generating units in Gujarat at present;
- (b) whether Government is considering to establish new power plants to help the State in its current power crisis;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) As on 30.11.2011, 37 thermal, nuclear and hydro-electric generating stations of Power Utilities in the State, Private and Central sector are located in the State of Gujarat.

(b) to (d) During April to November, 2011 there was marginal energy shortage of 193 Million Units (0.4%) and peak shortage of 192 MW (1.8%) in the State. Electricity is a concurrent subject. Supply and distribution of electricity in a State / UT is within the purview of the respective State Government/ State Power Utility. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by establishing power plants in Central Sector through CPSUs.

During the 11th Plan so far new generation projects aggregating 1500 MW in the Central Sector in the Western Region and 739 MW and 3788 MW in the State and Private Sector respectively in the State of Gujarat have already been commissioned. At present 11 thermal power stations with total installed capacity of 11845.5 MW are under construction in Gujarat State for benefits during 11th Plan and beyond. One Ultra Mega Power Project (5x800 MW) is already under implementation at Mundra in Gujarat.

Effect of Telangana crisis on power generation

2149. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Telangana crisis has crippled power generation during the last two months;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that it has affected thermal power plants in Maharashtra and several parts of Western, Middle and Eastern India; and

(c) if so, what steps Government is taking to avoid such things from recurring in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) and (b) The strike by the employees of Singareni Collieries Company Limited during Telangana agitation in September & October 2011 affected electricity generation. A generation loss of 546.2 Million Unit (MU) and 294.9 MU respectively in Ramagundam and Simhadri Thermal Power Stations situated in Andhra Pradesh was reported by NTPC due to shortage of coal. Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation Ltd. (APGENCO) also reported a generation loss of 28 MU in their Kakatiya Thermal Power Station during the same period. The total coal based power in the country during the September & October, 2011 was 39.7 Billion Unit (BU) and 48.1 BU respectively, which was 89.2% and 98.9% of the target respective with a growth of 6.0% and 5.2% over the corresponding month of last year.

Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Ltd. (MAHAGENCO) has also reported a generation loss of 98.1 MU for their Parli Thermal Power Station during September & October 2011.

(c) Following steps have been taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure smooth running of thermal power stations in the country during such situations:

- Enhancing the coal supply in advance to power stations likely to be affected by agitations/ bandhs.
- Supply of coal from alternative coal sources, wherever possible.

Status of thermal power projects

†2150. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

SHRI RAM CHANDRA PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 267 new thermal power projects were approved in the country during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard and what was the annual power generation capacity of these approved projects; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.