

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) to (f) As per the Electricity Act, 2003, techno-economic clearance for thermal projects is not required from Central Electricity Authority (CEA). As such no proposals for thermal power projects are being received in CEA for techno-economic clearance. As per information available in CEA, no Naphtha based power project is under construction in the country.

Rise in electricity prices due to coal shortage

†2911. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of electricity went up rapidly in electricity trading when the news of shortage of coal for the power generation projects surfaced;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent of increase in the prices of electricity by November, 2011; and

(d) the quantum of electricity trading done in each month from April, 2011 to November, 2011?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) to (d) The price of electricity in the electricity trading market primarily depends on anticipated requirement and availability of power, which in-turn depend on a number of factors. The month-wise details of quantum and price of electricity traded during April to October, 2011 (latest available from CERC) is given below:

Volume and Price of Electricity transacted through Traders and Power Exchanges

Period	Bilateral through Traders		Power Exchange (IEX)		Power Exchange (PXIL)	
	Volume (MU)	Weighted Average Price (kWh)	Volume (MU)	Weighted Average Price (kWh)	Volume (MU)	Weighted Average Price (kWh)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
April, 2011	2761.8	4.76	1231.55	3.49	140.96	4.00

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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May, 2011	2855.53	4.49	1159.43	2.96	148.82	3.03
June, 2011	2857.06	3.82	1147.44	2.80	101.47	2.99
July, 2011	2857.06	3.90	1114.43	2.97	146.19	3.22
Aug., 2011	4584.09	3.88	1176.54	2.89	99.66	3.01
Sept., 2011	4084.86	3.95	1307.7	3.00	81.45	3.08
Oct., 2011	2453.81	4.22	1244.12	5.40	89.95	5.42

From the data given above, it may be seen that the prices of the electricity traded during the month of October, 2011 were generally higher as compared to the prices in the earlier months. The demand for electricity during the month of October generally picks-up and withdrawal of monsoon affects hydro generation. During September - October, 2011, the thermal generation was also affected due to strike by the workers of Collieries Company Limited, inadequate supply of coal by Coal India Limited *vis-a-vis* the requirement for generation, wet coal, ash dyke problem in Korba STPS, etc. Hydro generation also tapered off in October, 2011 due to withdrawal of monsoon.

Transfer of coal to States

†2912. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Twelfth Five Year Plan, the Central Government has made a provision that actual transfer of coal to the States for power generation would be done only if 85 per cent power under long term power purchase contract made with DISCOMS would be provided on the tariffs decided on the basis of competitive bidding;

(b) whether Government is aware of the fact that States are facing problems due to the said provision;

(c) whether Government has received requests from the State Governments to remove this provision and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Central Government would take necessary action to solve this problem?

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