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		Parli	1,130	324
		Paras	500	53
		TOTAL	2,970	404
4.	APGENCO	Rayalaseema	1,050	17
		Kakatiya	500	28
		TOTAL	1,550	45
5.	DVC	Mejia	1,340	167
		Chandrapur	890	96
		TOTAL	2,230	263
GRAND TOTAL			30,108	8,731

Problems in expansion of power sector

581. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has tried to get a first-hand account of the problems that are holding back expansion plans in the power sector which is vital for sustaining growth in the economy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what pragmatic decision, based on national interest, is being contemplated by the Ministry to get the projects off the ground?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) and (b) Government has been taking steps to improve the power availability in the country during the last several years, which includes, generation capacity addition, transmission expansion, renovation and modernization of old stations and distribution loss reduction. As a result of the various measures taken by the Government, capacity addition of 51,302 MW has been achieved till 9th March, 2012 during 11th Five Year Plan as against 21,180 MW achieved during 10th Five Year Plan. Major reasons delaying the capacity addition programme are shortage of fuel, delay in environment and forest clearance, land acquisition issues and rehabilitation and resettlement issues.

(c) Various steps taken by Government to enhance the generation capacity addition in the country are as follows:

(i) Review of progress of power projects is being done at the highest level by Hon'ble Union Power Minister, Secretary, Ministry of Power and Chairperson, Central Electricity Authority, to identify the constraint areas and facilitate their faster resolution.

- (ii) Regular reviews are held at various levels including Ministry of Power, Ministry of Heavy Industries, Ministry of Coal, Planning Commission and Cabinet Secretariat to identify the constraint areas and facilitate faster resolution of inter-ministerial and other outstanding issues.
- (iii) An Advisory group has been set up under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Power Minister with former secretaries of Ministry of Power, former Secretaries of Ministry of Coal and Industry representatives to advise for expeditious completion of ongoing power generation projects and other issues facing power sector.
- (iv) A Task Force on Hydro Project development, has been constituted to look into all issues relating to development of hydropower including issues of Rehabilitation and Resettlement of project affected persons. The Task Force is headed by the Minister of Power.
- (v) An Inter-ministerial Group (IMG) has been constituted (vide Ministry of Water Resources O.M. dated 7th August, 2009) to evolve a suitable framework to guide and accelerate the development of Hydropower in the North-East.
- (vi) Number of joint ventures have been/are being set up in the country for manufacturing of supercritical steam generators and turbine generators in the country and to ensure that there is no shortage of power equipment in the country.
- (vii) Efforts are being made at Ministerial level to make available coal for the power sector. Utilities have been advised to import coal to meet their shortfall. Power producers have also been advised to design boilers for higher level of imported coal blending.

Intensive electrification of villages

582. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that after electrifying villages under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), the Ministry is taking up some of the villages for intensive electrification;
- (b) if so, details of villages that have been taken up in Andhra Pradesh for intensive electrification;
- (c) the details of projects undertaken for this purpose in the State; and
- (d) the amount sanctioned, released and utilized and the physical targets set and achieved in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) to (d) In the State of Andhra Pradesh, all the villages were reported electrified prior to launch of Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY). However, intensive electrification works of partially electrified villages have been taken up in Andhra Pradesh under RGGVY. 26 projects (17 projects during 10th plan and 9 projects during 11th plan) covering intensive electrification of 27,477