

partially electrified villages have been sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh. Under RGGVY, as on 29.02.2012, the electrification works in 23,938 partially electrified villages have been completed and an amount of Rs. 791.66 crore have been disbursed against the sanctioned amount of Rs 902.40 crore. Funds are released against sanctioned projects in installments based on the reported utilization of previous installment(s) released and fulfillment of other conditionalities.

#### **Energy Development Policy**

†583. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is contemplating to formulate a comprehensive energy development policy to address the energy crisis in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is formulating plan for utilizing the alternate sources of energy; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) and (b) Government of India has already issued the National Electricity Policy in 2005, Tariff Policy in 2006 and Integrated Energy Policy (IEP) covering all sources of energy including renewable energy sources in 2008. The IEP document has highlighted the need to maximally develop energy supply options and diversify energy sources including an increased exploitation of renewable energy sources especially solar.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of new and Renewable Energy has formulated plan for utilizing alternative sources of energy and a capacity addition target of 4125 MW has been set for 2012-2013 from grid interactive renewable power energy, which includes 2,500 MW from Wind Power, 350 MW from Small Hydro power, 800 MW from Solar power, 100 MW from Biomass power (Combustion), 5.00 MW from Biomass power (Gasification), 350 MW from Bagasse Cogeneration and 20 MW from Urban and Industrial Waste to Energy.

#### **Meeting of power, coal and gas companies**

†584. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a meeting had been organized with the heads of power, coal and gas companies, Keeping in view the electricity crisis which occurred in the country some months ago;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the discussions held in the said meeting;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.