Incentives for wind power producers

4912. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has extended the popular accelerated depreciation incentive for wind power producers beyond 31 March, 2012 when it was due to be terminated, as the alternative generation schemes have not found enough takers;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether extension of the scheme will prove a boon to companies and help attract more orders; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

^{*}Wind potential has yet to be validated with measurements.

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Accelerated Depreciation (AD) incentive for wind power projects has been withdrawn w.e.f. 01.04.2012.

- (c) The Accelerated Depreciation has been an important driving force in wind power development in the country so far.
- (d) A large number of wind power projects in the country have availed the AD benefit.

Coal supply to power plants

4913. SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in the country disruptions in coal supplies can affect power availability in a serious manner;
- (b) if so, the details of power generation vis-a-vis power consumed, Statewise;
- whether Government has a contingency plan in place, in case of disruption of coal supplies to power plants;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and

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if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) Disruptions in coal supplies may affect availability as of power. In order to ensure smooth operation of thermal power stations, coal stocking norms, given below, have been made:

Location	Stocking Norms (in days)
Pit-head Stations	15
Power stations upto 500 km away from the coal mine	20
Power stations upto 1000 km away from the coal mine	25
Power stations beyond 1000 km away from the coal mine	30

(b) Availability of power in a state depends on power generation from all sources, naniely generation from its own sources, supply from central generating stations against its share, import/export of power through trading licensees/power exchanges as well as on bilateral basis. State-wise details of energy availability and requirement for the year 2011-12 is given in Statement (See below).