

effectively applicable to thermal (including nuclear) generating units and is expressed in terms of Plant Load Factor (PLF). As on 2nd August, 2012, the monitored capacity was 1,80,361 MW and the available capacity was 1,39,307 MW. Plants of 10,314 MW were under shut down due to planned maintenance and 28,053 MW was under forced outages and capacity of 2,867 MW was out due to other reasons like less availability of water. Therefore, the actual capacity supplied is always less than the monitored capacity.

(b) to (d) The average PLF of coal based thermal power plants was 71.93 % during 2012-13 (April-July, 2012). While some plants operated above national average PLF, on the other hand some could not achieve the national average PLF. The reasons for low PLF of these plants are vintage of the units, the technological obsolescence, increased forced outages, inadequate fuel supply and transmission constraints in States.

Foreign visits by CMD of NTPC

445. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of austerity measures announced by Government, the CMD of NTPC was allowed to go abroad several times during the last 18 months;

(b) if so, the details thereof country wise and expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) whether CMD of NTPC had delivered a lecture in Brazil recently on 'Anti-Corruption Risk Assessment'; and

(d) if so, the reasons for propagating India's stand on corruption by a junior-level official without the permission of the Prime Minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) CMD, NTPC was allowed to go abroad in accordance with the guidelines issued by Ministry of Finance and Department of Public Enterprises from time to time and only after taking the approval of the Competent Authority.

(b) The details are given in Statement (*See below*).

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. As reported by CMD, NTPC, he did not propagate India's stand on corruption. He attended the Rio+20 Corporate Sustainability Forum (organized by UN Global Compact) in his capacity as CMD, NTPC. The Forum was attended by Chief Executive Officers and other stakeholders. The Forum was

convened ahead of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), which was attended by the Government delegations. NTPC is a signatory to the UN Global Compact, with stated commitment to the 10 principles of UN Global Compact, one of which is on Anti-Corruption. Permission of the Competent Authority was appropriately accorded for participation in the Forum.

Statement

*Details of visits by CMD, NTPC Government-wise and
expenditure incurred thereon*

Sl.No.	Country	Duration	Purpose	Expenditure (Rupees)
1	2	3	4	5
2010-11				
1.	Bangladesh	Sept. 29-30, 2010	Assessment of a prospective site for setting up a project in joint venture with Bangladesh, as per the desire of Government of India.	Rs. 92,595
2.	Bangladesh	March 5-7, 2011	As a Member of the Delegation led by Secretary (Power), for attending the meeting of India-Bangladesh Joint Working Group in the power sector.	Rs. 1,12,149
2011-12				
3.	Russia	May 23-26, 2011	To resolve the long-outstanding issues with the Russian suppliers for Bath Project in Bihar and Sipat Project in Chhattisgarh.	Rs. 3,83,817
4.	Switzerland	June 11-17, 2011	As a Member (in the capacity of Chairman, SCOPE) of Indian Employers' Delegation to the 100th session of International Labour Conference of ILO held in Geneva and represented by Employees, Employers and Government representatives.	Rs. 5, 16,902

1	2	3	4	5
5.	Sri Lanka	Sep. 5-6, 2011	In connection with setting up of a 2 X 250 MW Thermal Project in Sri Lanka.	Rs. 1,15,481
6.	Bangladesh	Sep. 14-15, 2011	Member of the Indian delegation led by Hon'ble Union Minister of Power for the 4th meeting of the SAARC Energy Ministers.	Rs. 1,28,289
7.	Algeria UK	Nov. 20-25, 2011	Along with Secretary (Power), in his capacity as Chairman of World Energy Council - Indian Member Committee (WEC-IMC), CMD, NTPC in his capacity as Member-Secretary (WEC-IMC) and Vice-Chair, Asia-Pacific attended Executive Assembly 2011 of World Energy Council in Algeria. Participated in Non-Deal Road show in UK.	Rs. 7,66,452
8.	Bangladesh	Jan. 28-29, 2012	Delegation led by Secretary (Power) for signing of JVA with Bangladesh Power Development Board	Rs. 1,00,598
9.	Singapore Hong Kong	March 11-16, 2012	Participation in Non-Deal Road Show	Rs. 4,01,989

2012-13

10.	Switzerland	June 14-18, 2012	Meeting with investors and analysts at Zurich.	Rs. 9,41,073*
	Brazil		Rio+20 Corporate Sustainability Forum organized by UN Global Compact.	

Renegotiation of PPAs

446. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is in the process of renegotiating