

overdrawal/under drawal by regional entities in case of congestion in transmission system. These regulations are uniformly applicable to States in all the five regions including Northern Region.

Shutting down of NTPC units at Korba

†1672. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC Units established in Korba, Chhattisgarh are dependent on water from Bango barrage and coal from mines and one of the units is always shut down and as a result thereof the power supply in the State is disrupted and whether there is any permanent solution of this problem;

(b) if so, whether the State Government has sent any proposal to the Ministry in this regard;

(c) whether private sector power units are being established claiming acres of farmers' land and Government would be forced to purchase power on higher rates; and

(d) the manner which Government and public would be benefited therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) and (b) During current financial year (April 2012- 15th August' 2012), NTPC's Korba station with installed capacity of 2600 MW is operating at 91.60% availability. Except for planned maintenance of 7.54% time, which is as per approval of Western Region Power Committee (WRPC) and mostly during minor routine maintenance works, there had been no outages of any unit of Korba during current financial year. Month wise availability on bar and planned maintenance of Korba station are given below:

	April'12	May'12	June'12	July'12	Aug.'12 (upto 15th)
Availability Factor (%)	85.26	96.51	80.41	99.65	99.91
Planned Outage (%)	14.10	1.74	18.53	0	0

(c) and (d) New thermal power projects totaling to about 71,000 MW (includes 12,575 MW in Chhattisgarh) are under construction in private sector. Government of India has mandated power purchase by distribution companies from private power plants through competitive bidding to ensure competitive tariff. With the commissioning of power generation projects there will be increase in electricity production which in turn will benefit public.

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