

(d) the details of the new method to be adopted for collection of the ash with a view to avoid such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) NTPC's station at Korba, Chhattisgarh with total installed capacity of 2600 MW has seven Units (3x200 MW + 4x500 MW). The units are generally taken under shutdown one by one for planned maintenance. However, occasionally, more than one unit may have to be shut down due to unforeseen forced outage. During the year 2012-13 (till February, 2013), the total period of shutdown, including planned and forced was 5.06% and at no point of time, more than three units were under shutdown simultaneously.

(b) Currently, there is no plan for closure of old units/stations since these units are operating at high availability.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Selling of assets by private power companies

2472. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private power companies are planning to sell their assets;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of reasons for financial crunch of the private power companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Selling of assets by any private power company is the commercial decision of the company and Government/Ministry of Power has no role in this matter. Ministry of Power has no information about financial crunch of any private power company.

Short supply of power to Rajasthan by Punjab

†2473. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajasthan is being supplied less power than

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.