

(e) No request for allocation of additional power has been received from the Government of Nagaland during 2012-13 and the current year.

Shortage of electricity in Assam

2010. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that Assam, a major State of the country is facing acute shortage of electricity;
- (b) if so, the quantum of electricity to be provided by Government to the industry and agriculture sector of the State; and
- (c) the steps to be taken by Government to meet the shortage of electricity in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Assam experienced energy shortage of 8.9% and peak shortage of 5.9% during 2013-14 (upto July, 2013). Power procurement, supply and distribution of the same to different sectors including industry and agriculture sector is the responsibility of the State Government. Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by allocating power from Central Generating Stations. Assam has been allocated 746 MW from Central Generating Stations (CGSs) which includes 193 MW from the unallocated power.

- (c) The steps taken/being taken by the Union Government to reduce the electricity shortage in the country, which will also benefit Assam; *inter-alia* are:
 - (i) Acceleration in generating capacity addition during Twelfth Plan with a proposed target of 88,537 MW from conventional sources.
 - (ii) Rigorous monitoring of capacity addition of the on-going generation projects.
 - (iii) Development of Ultra Mega Power Projects of 4,000 MW each to reap benefits of economies of scale.
 - (iv) Advance planning of generation capacity addition projects for Twelfth Plan.
 - (v) Augmentation of domestic manufacturing capacity of power equipment through Joint Ventures.

- (vi) Coordinated operation and maintenance of hydro, thermal, nuclear and gas based power stations to optimally utilize the existing generation capacity.
- (vii) To meet the shortfall in coal supplies to thermal power stations from indigenous sources, the power utilities have been advised to import coal.
- (viii) Renovation, modernization and life extension of old and inefficient generation units.
- (ix) Strengthening of inter-state and inter-regional transmission capacity for optimum utilization of available power.
- (x) Strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution network as a major step towards loss reduction.

Power projects under construction in Rajasthan

2011. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of power projects which are under construction in Rajasthan, project wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that some power projects are running behind their prescribed schedule of completion; and
- (c) if so, the efforts made by Government to ensure their timely completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The details of power projects under construction in Rajasthan are given in Statement (*See below*). All these projects are running behind their prescribed schedule of completion.

(c) Efforts made by the Government for the timely completion of these projects include, *inter-alia*, rigorous monitoring of capacity addition of ongoing generation projects at the highest level; the periodic review of issues related to supply of power equipment from BHEL; formation of several new joint ventures to manufacture super-critical boilers and turbine-generators for thermal power plants; introduction of web-based monitoring system; and sensitization of stake-holders to enlarge the vendor base to meet Balance of Plants requirements.