

(c) Fuel supply constraint has not been the reason for slippage of thermal power projects from the first two quarters of 2013-14. The slippage of thermal projects was mainly on account of non-readiness of Balance of Plants (BoPs).

Consumption and availability of electricity in Bihar

611. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any figure about present per capita consumption and availability of electricity in Bihar;

(b) whether it is a fact that national average of per capita consumption of electricity is about 813 kwh in 2011;

(c) if so, the details of steps taken by Government to increase the production and supply of electricity in Bihar to maintain national average in that State also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Latest available Per capita Consumption of Bihar is 133.61 kWh for the year 2011-12 corresponding to gross availability of electricity 13160.21 MU.

(b) All India Per capita Consumption of Electricity for the year 2010-11 was 818.75 kWh and for the year 2011-12 was 883.63 kWh.

(c) and (d) Electricity being a concurrent subject, power procurement, supply and distribution in a State to different categories of consumers/sectors including industrial sector comes under the purview of the respective State Government/State Power Utility. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the state Governments by establishing power plants in Central Sector through Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs). The Central Government allocates power to the States/UTs from Central Generating Stations (CGSs) to mitigate the overall shortage of power. The allocation from Central Generating Stations as on 31st October, 2013 to Bihar is 1,940 MW.

Retirement of old Thermal Units

612. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified any thermal units which are to be retired gradually and systematically;