

Power shortage in Assam

615. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to stated:

- (a) the details of power cut and insufficiency of electricity in Assam which have become a major issue and not yet solved, as a result, of which many villages of Assam are still not getting electricity facility properly;
- (b) whether Government has any plan to establish thermal power plants/power generating plants to meet the crisis in Assam; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The peak and energy shortage in Assam during the current year 2013-14 (upto November, 2013) is 8.2% and 6.3% respectively. Electricity being a concurrent subject, supply and distribution of electricity in a State to different categories of consumers/sectors including villages comes under the purview of the respective State Government/State Power Utility. Government of India only supplements the efforts of the State Governments by establishing power plants in Central Sector and allocating power therefrom to the States/UTs to mitigate the shortage.

(b) and (c) The capacity addition target of 88,537 MW during Twelfth Plan includes 100 MW capacity addition in the State of Assam in State Sector and 750 MW capacity addition in the state of Assam in Central Sector from which Assam will get share of power. Besides this, Assam will also get share from other Central Sector projects likely to yield benefits during Twelfth Plan period in North-Eastern region. Government has advised the states, including Assam, to tie up for procurement of power to meet their demand, in accordance with their anticipated demand supply scenario.

Construction of power houses in Rajasthan

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

- (a) the places in Rajasthan where the construction work of power houses are going on; and

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