

(c) to (e) All India Generation capacity addition target of 88,537 MW during the Twelfth Five Year Plan includes 4730 MW capacity addition located in Uttar Pradesh. With the capacity addition planned in Uttar Pradesh, the proposed retirement would have no impact on the power supply position in the State. Further, there is adequate untied capacity available in the market and Central Government has advised the States to tie up power to meet their requirement based on their anticipated demand supply scenario.

DDG projects for rural electrification

2694. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Decentralized Distributed Generation (DDG) projects that are currently operational utilizing renewable energy;

(b) whether Government plans to revise DDG guidelines to encourage rural electrification in States;

(c) the number of unelectrified villages with population below 100; and

(d) whether Government has any plans to ensure electricity supply to these villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) Under DDG, 164 projects have been commissioned and are currently operational. All these projects are utilizing renewable energy.

(b) In order to expedite the implementation of DDG projects, REC (the nodal agency) conducted workshops/consultations with Implementing Agencies, project developers etc. Accordingly, based on the feedback/suggestions of stakeholders certain amendments in DDG Guidelines had been incorporated.

(c) and (d) In the DDG under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana Scheme only those villages and habitations are considered which have population more than 100. As per DDG guidelines, presently villages/hamlets having population of less than 100 are not considered under the DDG scheme and are to be taken by MNRE for implementation.

Coal reserves with power plants

2695. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.:

SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is few days of coal reserves for thermal power plants in the country;