

(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;

- (b) if so, the reasons behind keeping such a short quantity of coal;
- (c) whether it would not hamper power generation after one week;
- (d) the quantum of coal normally stored in the power plants; and
- (e) what is the status of availability of coal in thermal power plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) As on 29th July 2014, out of the coal based power stations monitored on daily basis by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), 22 power plants are having coal stock less than 4 days. The reasons for low coal stock at power plant, *inter-alia*, are:

- (i) Due to deficient monsoon, the hydro generation has reduced considerably, thus requiring enhanced generation from coal based stations. Due to this, coal requirement has increased. Thus, during June 2014, there was a record growth rate of 20.35% in coal based generation as compared to last year during the same month.
- (ii) Difficulties faced in supply of coal from subsidiary companies of Coal India Ltd. (CIL) due to various issues such as law and order at State level, availability of transport, etc.

(c) All efforts are being made to supply adequate coal to critical plants to maintain generation.

(d) The norms for stocking coal in power stations are as under:

Location	Stocking Norms (in Days)
(i) Pit-head Station	15
(ii) Upto 500 Kms. away from coal mine	20
(iii) Upto 1000 Kms. away from coal mine	25
(iv) Beyond 1000 Kms. away from coal mine	30

(e) As on 29.07.2014, the availability of coal in thermal power plants, which are monitored by CEA, is 9.88 Million Tonne (MT).

#### **Subsidy to distribution companies**

2696. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal for ₹ 6000 crore subsidy to distribution companies and a financial restructuring package to improve the viability and utilization of stranded gas based power projects across the country;