

demand of electricity on all India basis. At present, the all India grid is synchronously inter-connected and Intra-State, Inter-State and Inter-Regional transmission capacity is available for transfer of power from the generating stations to the State's Load Centres. Further, additional transmission lines are also planned to be developed in the grid so there is no regional imbalance in the production of and access to electricity.

#### **Thermal power plants in Maharashtra**

1629.SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of thermal power plants presently operational in Maharashtra;
- (b) the number of power plants granted clearances for operations in the Western Ghat areas, declared as ecologically sensitives *vide* notification dated 10th March, 2014; and
- (c) the measures taken by Government to ensure that the operations of these thermal power plants continue without disruption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) The number of thermal power plants presently operational in Maharashtra is 26 (Twenty Six).

(b) and (c) As per Section 7 of the Electricity Act, 2003, any generating company may establish, operate and maintain a generating station without obtaining a license/permission if it complies with the technical standards relating to connectivity with the grid. Hence, at present no license is granted for operation of the generating stations.

#### **Installation of automatic gauge recorder by BBMB**

†1630. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Rajasthan has a major share in Ravi Beas waters;
- (b) whether the Central Government proposes to direct Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) to install automatic gauge recorder at sites agreed to by the concerned States and if so, by when; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to direct BBMB to finalise the remaining sites and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the present arrangement, the percentage of supply of water from Ravi-Beas Reservoir among the partner States i.e. Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan are in the ratio of 30:21:49 respectively.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.