Enhancing power generation capacity

†3237. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some States are making efforts to enhance their power generation capacity through private partners so as to meet the power shortage;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has provided any amount as incentives to such States; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The States of Tripura, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh have taken up power projects in private partnership to enhance their power generation capacity. One Thermal Project of 726.6 MW has been commissioned in Tripura. Four hydro projects, aggregating 2120 MW in Sikkim, and one Hydro Project of 144 MW in Arunachal Pradesh have commenced construction.

- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.

Commissioning of power projects

3238.SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a committee has suggested a slew of moves including an extension of commissioning of power projects by one year and implement easier funding rules;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether for hydel projects this date is proposed to be extended by two years and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (c) The Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance had constituted a Working Group under the Chairmanship of CMD, India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd. (IIFCL) with representatives from banks and financial institutions

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