

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the percentage of electrification achieved in Tea Gardens of Assam; and
- (d) what is the current status of consumer meters provided to tea garden quarters and the reasons for which a single consumer meter has been installed for a group of quarters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) The Government of India has approved the Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) for feeder segregation, strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution, metering at all levels and rural electrification. The erstwhile Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana is now subsumed as the rural electrification component of DDUGJY and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has been designated as the nodal agency for the implementation of the scheme.

Under RE component of DDUGJY, so far 921 projects (235 in X Plan, 413 in XI Plan and 273 in XII Plan) have been sanctioned, covering electrification of 1,24,786 un-electrified villages, intensive electrification of 6,02,910 electrified villages and release of free electricity connection to 4.05 crore BPL households in the country.

(c) and (d) As per guidelines of RE component of DDUGJY, free electricity connection is provided to eligible Below Poverty Line (BPL) families for domestic purposes. However, 11 KV lines are brought up to the village periphery and these lines could be utilized by the State Governments to create further necessary infrastructure for commercial purposes or as per the requirement. All BPLs as proposed in the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) submitted by the States are released with meters under RE component of DDUGJY including tea gardens.

Power generation in Rajasthan

†722. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state: (a) the quantum of increase in generation of electricity in Rajasthan during 2010 to 2013;

- (b) the Head-wise quantum of funds allocated by the Central Government

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

during 2012-13 and in the current financial year to enable the State to become self-reliant in power generation; and

- (c) whether the State Government has utilized these funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) The generation of Electricity in Rajasthan has increased from 35250.88 Million Units (MUs) in 2010-11 to 42365.83 MUs in 2012-13.

(b) As Electricity Generation is a delicensed activity as per Electricity Act, 2003, the Generation project developer arranges the funds for the generation project(s).

- (c) Does not arise.

New power projects in the country

723. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up around 13 power projects worth ₹ 33,000 crores in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the location of such plants in the country;

(c) quantum of power that would be generated by such power plants; and

(d) how far this would help to bridge the gap between demand and supply of power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (d) Cabinet Committee on Investment (CCI) in its meeting held on 22.04.2013 cleared 13 power projects involving an investment of about ₹33,000 crores. Details of these projects, along with the location and quantum of power likely to be generated, are given in Statement (*See* below). Commissioning of the thermal and hydro generation projects would help further bridge the gap between the demand and supply of power in the country by 4,404 MW.