

Problems in power sector

1534. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government set up any advisory committee to discuss the issues relating to power sector and to suggest reforms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this initiative would solve the problems of the sector including the problem of fuel shortage threatening the viability of the sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (d) In order to expedite resolution of various issues related to Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Power, an "Advisory Group for Integrated Development of Power, Coal and Renewable Energy" was set up under the Chairmanship of Shri Suresh Prabhu.

The Advisory Group deliberated on matters, *inter-alia*, related to evolving a Comprehensive Policy Framework for integrated development of Power, Coal and New and Renewable Energy Sector, including (i) Optimal Energy Mix, (ii) State Action Plan for 24x7 Power to All, (iii) Requisite Transmission and Distribution Infrastructure, (iv) Development of Renewable Energy, (v) Enhancing/optimising Fuel Supplies, (vi) Energy Efficiency, (vii) Research and Development; and (viii) Innovation and Echnologies, etc.

The Group has submitted its report to Ministry of Power.

Progress made PC

1535. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the State-run NTPC has joined a select group of global peers who span the entire fuel chain *i.e.* coal, gas, hydro power and renewable sources enerating greener electricity;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that NTPC has recently switched on the last of the four 200 MW units of its first hydel project in Bilaspur district of Himachal Pradesh;
- (c) whether the hydel foray is part of NTPCs diversion plan to widen fuel base; and