

Steps to boost demand of power

2493. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether lack of demand, among other factors, has led to acute distress in the Indian power sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a proposal to bailout stressed DISCOMS;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Central Government has prepared a comprehensive plan to increase the demand of power;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the other steps taken by the Central Government to increase the demand of power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Power has launched a Scheme UDAY (Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana) for improving operational and financial efficiency of DISCOMs. The scheme envisages reduction in interest burden, reduction in cost of power and improvement of operational efficiency. The mechanism includes taking over of DISCOMs debt by the respective States and measures to prevent future slippages.

(e) to (g) The following steps have been taken to increase demand of power in the country:

(i) Capacity addition of 1,18,537 MW (including 88,537 MW conventional and 30,000 MW renewable) during the 12th Plan, *i.e.* by 2016-17. As against this, about 69,960 MW from conventional sources has been achieved till 30.11.2015 and about 13,204 MW from renewable sources till 31.10.2015.

(ii) Construction of 1,07,440 ckm transmission lines and setting up of 2,82,740 MVA transformation capacity during the 12th Plan, *i.e.* by 2016-17. As against this, 73,112 ckm of transmission lines and 2,13,969 MVA of transformation capacity have been achieved till October, 2015.

(iii) Government of India has taken initiative to prepare State specific Action Plans for providing 24X7 Power For All (PFA) in partnership with the States.

- (iv) Two new schemes are being implemented by the Government of India, namely, Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana and Integrated Power Development Scheme for strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution networks and for segregation of agricultural feeders to give adequate and reliable supply and reduce line losses.
- (v) Central Government has notified a new scheme namely Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) on 20.11.2015 for Operational and Financial Turnaround of Discoms.
- (vi) Expeditious resolution of issues relating to Environmental and Forest clearances for facilitating early completion of generation and transmission projects.
- (vii) Providing support from Power System Development Fund for stranded gas based generation.

Measures to achieve power for all

†2494. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the preparations made by the Ministry to fulfil the ambitious target of power for all in the country, as envisaged by the Prime Minister;
- (b) the generating capacity of all power stations, thermal, hydro, etc. and the quantum of power being generated by them;
- (c) the current demand and supply of power in the country;
- (d) whether the announcement of the Prime Minister could be translated into reality with the existing capacity of power stations; and
- (e) if not, the steps being taken by the Ministry to address this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) The steps taken by the Ministry to fulfil the ambitious target of power for all in the country are:

- (i) At the commencement of Financial Year 2015-16, there were 18,452 un-electrified villages in the country. It has been decided that all these 18,452 un-electrified villages would be electrified within the next 1000 days *i.e.* by 1st May, 2018 by the Ministry of Power, with the help of States and local bodies.
- (ii) Capacity addition of 1,18,537 MW (including 88,537 MW conventional and 30,000 MW renewable) during the 12th Plan, *i.e.* by 2016-17. As against

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