

Year	Generation (BU)	% Growth
2014-15	1048.673	8.4
2015-16	1107.822	5.6
2016-17 (April to June 2016)	296.481	9.42

Note: Generation from plants 25 MW and above capacity from conventional sources (*i.e.* from hydro, thermal and nuclear) only.

Assistance for electricity generation

2395. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Central assistance provided for electricity generation in the country during the last two years, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the measures taken by the Central Government to reduce the loss incurred by different electricity boards during the said period, board-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) Electricity is a concurrent subject. As per Electricity Act, 2003, electricity generation is a delicensed activity and any generating company may establish a generating station. Fund for setting up of generation project(s) are arranged by the project developers themselves.

(b) A Scheme namely Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) was notified by Ministry of Power on 20.11.2015 for Operational and Financial Turnaround of Power Distribution Companies (DISCOMs) with an objective to improve the operational and financial efficiency of State owned DISCOMs. Participating States would undertake to achieve operational and financial turnaround of DISCOMs with the measures outlined in the Scheme. Two new Schemes have also been launched by the Government of India, namely, Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) and Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) for strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution networks and for segregation of agricultural feeders to give adequate and reliable supply and reduce line losses. These will also strengthen the DISCOM financially.

Construction of bridge on Zuari river

2396. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of construction of the proposed bridge over Zuari river;

(b) the mode of financing the project;