

with NTPC, these Discoms have to clear their payment within a calendar month?

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

(c) NTPC Ltd. supplies power worth around ₹ 330 crore per month to the two Discoms of BSES.

(d) Yes, Sir.

### **Survey of old thermal power plants**

4248. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken a survey to identify those thermal power plants across the country which are over their life-span of 25 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, public and private, sector-wise;

(c) whether Government has proposed to shut any thermal power plants;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (e) As on 31.03.2016, the capacity of coal based thermal power plants, which were more than 25 years old, was about 37453 MW, out of which 35506 MW capacity was in Government (Central and State) sector and 1947 MW capacity was in private sector.

In July 2016, the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), in consultation with various Power Utilities, identified more than 25 years old coal based plants of about 9000 MW capacity in Government Sector for retirement, on the basis of various techno-economic parameters, against which, coal based units of aggregating capacity of 3750 MW have been retired till date. In addition, non-coal based thermal units in Private sector aggregating 570.94 MW have also been retired during the same period. As such, till date, thermal units of total capacity of 4320.94 MW have been retired since September, 2015.

### **Progress of UMPPs**

4249. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress of Ultra Mega Power Plants (UMPPs) in the country; and