

- (c) the number of States that have adopted the Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) to help discoms to become profitable;
- (d) the status of implementation of UDAY in the various States;
- (e) how many States and discom have failed to undertake obligations under this scheme; and
- (f) the details of the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) Under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) including its Rural Electrification component, 14,528 un-electrified census villages have been electrified and free electricity service connections to 44.40 lakh Below Poverty Line (BPL) households have been released during 2014-15 to 2016-17.

(c) Twenty-six (26) States and One (1) UT have joined Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) so far.

(d) The scheme is under implementation phase in participating States. States have issued Bonds worth ₹ 208641.29 crore. In addition to this, DISCOM bonds worth ₹ 23859 crore has also been issued. States/DISCOMs have shown positive trends in operational parameters like reduction in Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) loss and narrowing of Average Cost of Supply–Average Revenue Realized (ACS-ARR) Gap.

(e) and (f) In view of above, question do not arise.

Safeguarding ecological interests by power plants

4251. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, according to a report by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, the existing power plants in the country are not adhering to the norms meant to safeguard ecological interest;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also fact that the report covered 216 projects which were granted clearances between January, 2011 and July, 2015; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (d) The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, in its Report No.39 of 2016 Tabled on 10th March, 2017 has sampled 216 projects across

different sectors which had been granted Environmental Clearance (EC) between calendar years 2011 to July, 2015, to examine the process of grant of Terms of Reference (ToR) and Environmental Clearance (EC) at the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC). This examination included 48 projects of Power Sector—7 River Valley and Hydro Electric Projects (RV&HEPs) and 41 Thermal Power Projects. CAG Report indicates that 7 RV and HEPs and 9 Thermal Power Projects reveal different levels of non-compliance to EC norms.

Launching of UJALA scheme in Jharkhand

4252. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently launched the Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs For All (UJALA) scheme in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the targets fixed by Government for the ensuing financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. “Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All” (UJALA) scheme has been launched in Jharkhand, on 15th November, 2015, by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a joint venture company of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) of Ministry of Power. As on 31.03.2017, over 87.94 lakh LED bulbs have been distributed by EESL under the scheme in Jharkhand.

(c) EESL has proposed a target for distribution of 20 Lakhs LED bulbs in Jharkhand during financial year 2017-18.

Power projects in Karnataka

4253. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details and capacity of power projects under the Central Government in Karnataka; and

(b) the details of ongoing projects and those which are yet to start along with their potential and cost of production and by when they will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) The details and capacity of power projects under the Central Government in Karnataka are given in Statement (*See* below).

(b) In the central sector Kudgi Super Thermal Power Project (STPP) Phase I (Unit 3) is under construction in Karnataka, with an approved cost (for all three