

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) The Economic Survey 2016-17 in Chapter IX - "Universal Basic Income: A conversation with and within the Mahatma" has stated that "UBI is a powerful idea whose time even if not ripe for implementation, is ripe for serious discussion" (page. 195). Therefore, the question of replacement of subsidies does not arise.

(b) The potential fiscal costs of UBI has been illustratively provided in the Economic Survey 2016-17. The calculation of costs for UBI is not easy as it depends on a number of objectives and assumptions. Therefore, there are multiple ways of costing the UBI which can yield different marginal benefits of poverty and vulnerability reduction. Accordingly, the costs of UBI scheme will vary.

(c) The studies conducted in some villages in Madhya Pradesh, (cited in Economic Survey 2016-17, page.201), points out the non-impact of UBI on labour supply. Therefore, UBI is not a major disincentive to work.

(d) In view of (a) above, doesn't arise.

Power generation by NEEPCO

1995. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the installed capacity in Mega Watts (M.W.) of the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO) during 2016-17;

(b) the gross generation in Million Units (MU) of NEEPCO during 2016-17;

(c) the energy requirement, in MU in the States of North Eastern Region during 2016-17;

(d) the availability in MU of energy in the States of the North Eastern Region during 2016-17;

(e) the peak demand of energy, in MW, in the States of the North Eastern Region during 2016-17; and

(f) the shortage of energy in the States of the North Eastern Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) The installed capacity (MW) of North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO) during 2016-17 (as on 28th February, 2017)* is 1287 MW including 5 MW

Solar PV Power Project at Tripura Gas Based Power Project (TGBPP), Tripura. In addition to this, NEEPCO has a 50 MW Grid Interactive Joint Venture Solar Power Plant with WAAREE Energies Ltd., at Ichhavar, Madhya Pradesh (MP).

(b) The gross generation (MU) of NEEPCO during 2016-17 (up to 28th February*, 2017) is 5095.79 MU including 6.27 MU generation from 5 MW Solar PV Power Project at TGBPP, Tripura. The gross generation from 50 MW Solar Project of WAANEPP Solar Pvt. Ltd., located at Ichhavar, (MP) during the year 2016-17 (up to 28th February, 2017)* is 79.28 MU.

(c) to (f) The Energy Requirement, Energy Availability, Peak Demand and shortages of energy and peak in the States of North Eastern Region during 2016-17 (up to 28th February*, 2017) is as under:—

State	Energy Requirement (MU)	Energy Availability (MU)	Energy Shortage (MU)	Energy Shortage (%)	Peak Demand (MW)	Peak Met (MW)	Demand not Met (MW)	Demand not Met (%)
Arunachal Pradesh	660	646	-14	-2.1	148	140	-8	-5.4
Assam	8,387	8,088	-299	-3.6	1,673	1,633	-40	-2.4
Manipur	693	670	-23	-3.3	163	163	0	-0.2
Meghalaya	1,565	1,565	0	0.0	331	331	0	0.0
Mizoram	466	455	-11	-2.4	98	98	0	0.0
Nagaland	687	675	-12	-1.7	148	147	-1	-0.7
Tripura	1,423	1,403	-20	-1.4	284	284	0	0.0

* February, 2017 data is provisional.

Source: Monthly power supply position report, Grid Management Division, Central Electricity Authority (CEA).

Hydro power generation in Tamil Nadu

1996. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all hydro power projects in Tamil Nadu have run dry due to prevailing drought in the State;