- (b) whether it is also a fact that NTPC has registered an annual growth of 4.71 per cent over the year 2015-16; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the NTPC has a vision to be the world's leading power company and energising India's growth, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. NTPC Ltd. along with Joint Ventures and Subsidiaries has recorded the highest ever annual cumulative gross power generation of 276.774 BU in FY 2016-17, surpassing 263.422 BU generated in FY 2015-16 and has registered an annual growth of 5.07 percent over the year 2015-16. NTPC's stand alone generation was 250.314 BU in FY 2016-17, surpassing 241.977 BU generated in FY 2015-16 with an annual growth of 3.45 percent.

(c) Yes, Sir. The vision of NTPC is "To be the world's leading Power Company, energizing India's growth". To achieve this, NTPC has prepared a long term Corporate Plan to become 130 GW Company by 2032 with well diversified fuel-mix including the non-fossil fuel sources.

Implementation of A-PDRP in Tamil Nadu

- 474. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has undertaken underground power cabling under Restructured Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) in the State of Tamil Nadu; and
- (b) if so, the details of the status of underground power cabling undertaken in various metros/towns/cities in Tamil Nadu including Villupuram City?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Ministry of Power, Gol has sanctioned projects worth ₹ 2,841 crore for strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution system in 88 towns of Tamil Nadu under Part B of Restructured Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (R-APDRP), now subsumed under Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS). A total length of 1318 Kms & 420.61 Kms of HT & LT underground Cables has been completed in 15 towns of Tamil Nadu. No underground cabling work has been sanctioned in Villupuram under R-APDRP.

Hydro power policy

- 475. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
 - (a) what is the estimated hydro power potential of the country;