

Plan to boost power generation

†439. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new plan is proposed by the present Government to increase the power generation in the country; and

(b) if so, the form and content of the plan, and extent of increase in power generation, in percentage, likely to occur under this plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Electricity Plan (NEP), 2018 has reviewed the capacity addition during the 12 Plan (2012-17). The NEP spells out a detailed power generation capacity expansion plan for the period 2017-2022 and perspective plan for the period 2022-2027. The increase in installed capacity will be about 47% in the year 2021-2022 and about 89% in the year 2026-2027 with respect to the power generation installed capacity as on 31.03.2017.

New thermal power plants

†440. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to set up new thermal power plants in different regions of the country;

(b) if so, the places where land has been acquired for this purpose; and

(c) the number of new thermal plants to be set up and the States where these power plants would be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) to (c) Electricity is a concurrent subject. As per the Electricity Act 2003, electricity generation is a de-licensed activity and any State or generating company can setup a thermal power project taking into consideration issues like viability, availability of fuel etc. A total of 19 thermal power plants in Central Sector (including Ultra Mega Power Projects) are proposed to be setup in the States of Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Karnataka and Maharashtra. Land has been acquired for the thermal power projects at Tilaiya (Jharkhand), Sundergarh (Odisha), Cheyyur (Tamil Nadu), Khurja (UP), Buxar (Bihar).

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