

**Power Generation by Public and Private Sector Thermal Power Stations**

4250. SHRI B. V. DESAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been brought to the notice of Government that public sector thermal power projects average efficiency is 45 p.c. whereas the efficiency in the private sector thermal projects is about 95 p.c.;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for this low efficiency in the working of the public sector thermal projects;

(c) what steps are being considered by the Union Government to raise the

efficiency of these public sector thermal projects;

(d) to what extent the steps introduced by the Ministry to raise or to compete with the efficiency of the private sector projects have been successful; and

(e) whether the Union Government has also decided to conduct any enquiry about the low efficiency of the public sector projects in comparison to the private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b). The Plant Load Factor for the better thermal power stations in the public and private sector for 1979-80 were as follows:—

Public Sector		Private Sector	
Parli	85%	Renusagar	100%
Korba III	76%	Trombay Power Station	74%
Amarkantak	76%	Almedabad Electric Co.	60%
Ramagundumb	74%	Calcutta Electric Supply Co.	56%

(c) and (d). A number of measures have been and are being taken to improve thermal power plant availability in the country. These measures include:

(i) Formation of task forces to evolve and implement Betterment Programmes and streamline maintenance management to maximise generation from the existing installed capacity in the Central Sector. The State Governments are also being assisted to similarly maximise generation from their installed capacity.

(ii) Identification of deficiencies and taking up a project renovation programme for rectification at identified power stations.

(iii) Arranging supply of spare parts from indigenous and foreign suppliers.

(iv) Training of engineers for operation and maintenance of power stations.

As a result of these measures, the performance of some identified thermal stations has shown signs of improvement.

(e) No, Sir.

**Uri and Dul Hasti Hydel Projects in Kishtwar**

4251. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KOCHACK: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have taken any final decision on the J. & K. Government's demand for the implementation of the 480 MW Uri Hydel project in the central sector;

(b) if not, when the same is likely to be taken;