

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:410
ANSWERED ON:10.04.2003
POWER PRODUCTION CAPACITY
A. VENKATESH NAIK;RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have assessed the likely annual rate of increase of power production capacity during the Tenth Five Year Plan as compared to the Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, whether the rate of annual power production during the Ninth Five Year Plan was commensurate with the increase in the requirement;
- (c) whether the annual rate of production has declined during 2002-2003 as compared to preceding years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the target set for increase in the rate of annual production of power during 2003-2004?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 410 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 10.04.2003 REGARDING POWER PRODUCTION CAPACITY.

(a) : Yes, Sir. During the Ninth Five Year Plan, the annual rate of increase of power production capacity was 4.4%. In comparison, the annual rate of increase during the Tenth Five Year Plan has been envisaged as 7.8%.

(b) : No, Sir.

(c) & (d) : During 2002-03, there was a drought which resulted in shortfall in hydro power generation of 13.8%. There was, however, an increase of 6.3% in thermal power generation which mitigated the adverse impact of the drought leading to an overall increase of 3.1% in power generation.

(e) : The generation target for the year 2003-04 has been tentatively fixed at 572900 MUs an increase of 7.8% in comparison to actual generation of 531430 MUs achieved during 2002-03.