GOVERNMENT OF INDIA POWER LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have assessed likely impact of power on growth rate, in percentage;
- (b) whether all the power plants in the country are working at their full capacity;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the target of total electrification in the country under the new Power policy of the Government is likely to be achieved by 2012:
- (e) if so, the total funds likely to be incurred thereon; and
- (f) total power generated in the country (in magnet) under said target?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRIP.M. SAYEED)

- (a) : The ratio of elasticity between electricity generation and Gross Domestic Product growth rate between 1992-93 to 2003-04 has been worked out as 0.98.
- (b) & (c): The generation achieved during 2004-05 and up to June, 2006 was more than the Target for Generation. Certain power stations performed below their full capacity due to reasons mentioned below:-
- (i) Delayed/weak Monsoon
- (ii) Unscheduled & long forced outages
- (iii) Poor performance of ageing plants
- (iv) Fuel shortages
- (d) to (f): The National Electricity Policy announced on 12th February, 2005 envisages `Power for All by the end of 2012` and Per Capita Availability of power to be increased to over 1000 Units by 2012. To achieve this target, it is estimated that a capacity addition of over 1,00,000 MW is required during X and XI Plan period. A requirement of Rs. 9,00,000 Crores has been estimated by Committee of Financing for Power Sector during X and XI Plans.