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POWER GENERATION

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for power generation during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the capacity addition in power generation fall much below the fixed target during the 10th Five Year Plan period as reported in the Times of India dated November 17, 2006;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the corrective measures taken by the Union Government to achieve the target?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (d) : At the time of Mid-term Appraisal of the Tenth Plan, target of 36955 MW was set. Based on the current status of projects capacity addition of 30,641 MW is considered feasible.

The main reasons for short falls in capacity addition target in the 10th Plan have been delays in project preparatory work, clearances and investment decisions. Non-availability of gas has led to some projects not being pursued. Delays in supplies by a few months with reference to contractual commitment have also been reported.

A meeting of Power Ministers of State was held and it was agreed that immediate action be taken for the commencement of new projects in the State Sector as well as through competitive bidding. Adequate preparatory work regarding provision of land, water, clearances, and fuel tie up should be undertaken. Timely placement of order as well as project execution should be carefully monitored to see that targets are achieved.