GOVERNMENT OF INDIA POWER LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2696 ANSWERED ON:04.12.2009 EXPENDITURE ON POWER GENERATION Basavaraj Shri Gangasandra Siddappa;Sule Supriya

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is sustaining an annual loss of Rs. one crore for generating one MW of power;
- (b) if so, the whether the Government proposes to generate resources with Rs.9,00,000 crore for funding mega power projects in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether in order to achieve a target of 78,000 MW of power, a loss of Rs.78,000 crore per year is likely to be incurred by the Government; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to check such colossal losses to ensure power for all?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

- (a): No such estimate has been made by Ministry of Power regarding annual loss for generating one mega watt of power.
- (b) & (c): The Eleventh Plan public sector allocation for the power sector is Rs.5,72,648.03 crore (Central Sector Rs.3,47,263.38 crore and State Sector Rs.2,25,384.65 crore). The allocation does not include Private Sector investment, in which case required funds have to be arranged by the project developers themselves.
- (d) & (e): Planning Commission has not made any such assessment of annual loss of Rs.78,000 crores from 11th Plan targeted capacity.