GOVERNMENT OF INDIA POWER LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2579 ANSWERED ON:12.03.2010 POWER FROM KAHALGAON SUPER THERMAL POWER PLANT Hussain Shri Syed Shahnawaz

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present power generation capacity of Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Plant of National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC);

(b) whether the allotted share of power from the project to the State Government of Bihar is not being supplied at present;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action being taken to ensure that the State gets its full share of power?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The present generation capacity of Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Station of NTPC and firm allocation of power from the station to the State of Bihar is as under:

Sl. Station Capacity (MW) Allocation to Bihar (MW) No.

1 Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Station, Stage-I 840 256

2 Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Station, Stage-II 1000 66.7

1840 322.7

This excludes the commissioned 500 MW unit of Kahalgaon Stage-II where commercial operation has not commenced owing to shortage in supply of coal.

Details of generation from the power station and supply to Bihar are us under:

Figures in MUs

Sl. Description Kahalgaon-I Kahalgaon-II Total No.

1. Normative ex-bar 5692 6962 12654 generation at 85% PLF

2. Actual Generation 4130 4742 8872

3. Share of Bihar 1748 466 2214

4. Actual Supply to Bihar 1277 318 1595

5. Shortage in supply to Bihar 471 148 619

There has been shortage of coal in this plant. NTPC has taken several measures to get over the shortage in supply of coal to its power stations. The details of measures are as follows:-

NTPC has tied up additional coal for Kahalgaon station from Northern Coalfield Limited (NCL), Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and other subsidiaries of CIL and procurement of coal through e-auction and import of coal;

For augmentation of Railways infrastructure, weekly meetings with Railway Board and monthly meeting are being regularly held; and

Persuasion with Coal Companies namely ECL, CIL and with the Ministry of Coal, in all forum, for fast track development of linked mines.