GOVERNMENT OF INDIA POWER LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5822 ANSWERED ON:30.04.2010 KAHALGAON SUPER THERMAL POWER PLANT Hussain Shri Syed Shahnawaz

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) undertakes community development programmes, as a part of social responsibilities towards citizens;
- (b) if so, the expenditure incurred on education, health, roads, flood relief and other social sectors under community development programme of Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Plant by NTPC during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of the villages benefited therefrom;
- (d) whether the NTPC proposes to increase the funds allocated for community development programmes of the plant; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): NTPC Limited undertakes various community development programmes as part of Corporate Social Responsibility in all power stations/ projects on regular basis. NTPC Limited undertakes activities mainly in the areas of education, health and sanitation, construction of roads, providing drinking water and extending support and relief to the community during natural calamities such as flood and fire.
- (b) & (c): Details of expenses incurred by NTPC Kahalgaon on these accounts during the last three years along with the details of villages benefited from it are given below:
- S.No. Financial Year Amount spent Villages benefitted (Rs. Lakhs)
- 2007-08 93.38 Mahesamunda, Ekchari, Mazdaha, Kalgiganj, Padampur,
- 2008-09 73.97 Lalapur-Bhader, Indira Awas, Basant Vihar Chapaltola,
- 2009-10 75.20 Anandipur, Belbadda, Bhagjori, Jiajori, Jagnathpur, Jatakoti

Further, Kahalgaon Plant has been allotted additional amount of Rs.87.50 lakhs for installation of 14 high mast lights in and around these villages. An amount of Rs.400 lakhs is allocated for utilisation during the current year, i.e., 2010-11.

(d) & (e): NTPC has adopted a comprehensive Corporate Social Responsibility – Community Development (CSR-CD) policy, under which funds are allocated to the operating stations for specific activities in line with the policy, based on the need and requirement of community keeping in view the overall requirement of power stations. Base line survey is also being undertaken through external agency to assess the requirement of the community. Fund allocation to the plants is increased from time to time based on the specific needs and requirements of the community, within the ambits of the CSR-CD policy. Accordingly, an enhanced amount of Rs.400 lakhs is allocated to Kahalgaon for utilization during the year 2010-11.