GOVERNMENT OF INDIA POWER LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1085 ANSWERED ON:30.07.2010 POWER GENERATION TARGET Munda Shri Arjun ;Rajendran Shri C.

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the extent to which the targets set for power generation during the Eleventh Five Year Plan has been achieved so far;
- (b) the reasons for not being able to achieve the target so far; and
- (c) the further steps taken by the Government to achieve the target set?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The target for generation of power is fixed on year-to-year basis and not for Five-Year Plan as a whole. The year-wise details of power generation performance during first three years of the 11th Plan and the current year (upto June, 2010) are given as under:

Year Generation Target (BU) Actual Generation (BU) % of Target

2007-08	710.00	704.47	99.22
2008-09	774.34	723.79	93.47
2009-10	789.51	771.55	97.73
2010-11#	199.42	200.31	100.45

#upto June, 2010 BU: Billion Unit

The average generation during the first three years of 11th Plan has been 96.7% of the target. The main reasons for marginal shortfall in achieving generation target are inadequate availability of coal and nuclear fuel, long duration of forced outages & un-scheduled planned maintenance of some of the existing thermal units, non-performance/delay in commissioning of new units and insufficient rainfall in the catchment areas of some of the reservoirs and hydro power stations during monsoon. However, the generation during current financial year (upto June) has been as per target.

- (c): The following steps are being taken for achieving the targets set for power generation:
- (i) Rigorous monitoring of ongoing power projects in the country for their timely commissioning.
- (ii) Impressing upon Thermal Power Utilities, to make up the shortfall in generation during April to June, 2010 in balance period of the current financial year.
- (iii) Thrust to import of coal by the Power Utilities so as to bridge the shortfall in availability of coal from indigenous sources and avoid loss of generation due to shortage of coal.
- (iv) Ministry of Coal/CIL are being impressed at various fora to supply coal to power plants as per annual targets.
- (v) Allocation of gas from KG Basin (D6) for improving utilization of gas based capacity.