GOVERNMENT OF INDIA POWER LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether private sector has out numbered the combined Centre and State sector in power addition during the current financial year so far;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether despite fuel shortage and funding problems private sector is performing well while the Centre and State sector are lagging behind:
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (e) the total power addition target fixed in private as well the Central sector at the initiation of 11th Plan and likely to be achieved during the terminal year of the plan; and
- (f) the steps taken or being taken by Government to increase the efficiency in power addition of Centre and State sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL)

(a) to (e): Capacity addition during the year 2011-12 upto 30.11.2011 has been 10,307.5 MW. Out of this, the contribution of private sector was 6,566.5 MW which is more than the combined capacity addition in the Central and State sector of 3,741 MW (Central Sector: 2,160 MW; State sector: 1,581 MW) during the same period.

Planning Commission had originally fixed a capacity addition target of 78,700 MW during the 11th Plan comprising 36,874 MW in Central Sector, 26,783 MW in State Sector and 15,043 MW in Private Sector. However, at the time of the Mid-term Appraisal of the 11th Plan, the capacity addition target was revised to 62,374 MW comprising 21,222 MW in the Central Sector, 21,355 MW in the State Sector and 19,797 MW in the Private Sector. Capacity addition target of 17,601 MW comprising 5,725 MW in Central Sector, 4,266 MW in State Sector and 7,610 MW in Private Sector has been fixed for the year 2011-12 and the same is likely to be achieved.

Some of the reasons for slow pace of capacity addition in the public sector during the 11th Plan include in sequential supplies of power equipments, slow progress of civil works, contractual disputes, environmental concerns, poor geology and law and order problems.

(f): A number of steps have been taken to accelerate the pace of capacity addition in the country. These include augmentation of manufacturing capacity of BHEL from 10,000 MW in December, 2007 to 20,000 MW by 2012; periodic review of issues related to supply of power equipment from BHEL by a Group under the chairmanship of Secretary (Heavy Industry); sensitization of stakeholders to enlarge the vendor base to meet Balance of Plants requirements; rigorous monitoring of projects at different levels by Ministry of Power, Central Electricity Authority, Power Project Monitoring Panel and Advisory Group under the chairmanship of Minister of Power; and introduction of web-based monitoring system.