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DELAY IN COMMISSIONING OF POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether delay in commissioning of various power projects in the country have led to loss of huge amount to the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, project wise;
- (c) the details of steps being taken by the Government to speed up commissioning of power projects in a timely manner to prevent cost escalation and meet the shortage of power in the country; and
- (d) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for skill development in various segments of the power sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) & (b) : The delay in commissioning of central sector power projects have led to cost overrun. The project-wise cost overrun in respect of central sector thermal and hydro projects are enclosed at Annex.

(c) : Several steps have been taken by the Government to speed up the commissioning of power projects in a timely manner to prevent cost escalation and meet shortage of power. These, inter alia, include constitution of a Task Force on Hydro Project Development to look into all issues relating to development of hydropower including issues of rehabilitation and resettlement of project affected persons, constitution of an Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) to evolve a suitable framework to guide and accelerate the development of Hydropower in the North-East, and institution of robust monitoring system for the capacity addition programme to ensure that projects are executed in time.

(d) : To build the base of skilled workforce and address the gaps in the skill set of critical trades for power sector, the Ministry of Power and the Central Electricity Authority started 'Adopt an ITI' initiative in July 2007 under the Directorate General of Employment & Training's Public Private Partnership (PPP) scheme for the upgradation of Government ITIs. As per the information available with the CEA, Central Power Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) have adopted 60 ITIs.

Further, for the training and skill development of in-service personnel and induction training of new entrants, 73 training institutes have been recognized by CEA across the country. Out of these, 9 institutes under National Power Training Institute impart training to the in-service engineers and supervisor and also run Post Graduate, Post Diploma programmes and other academic programmes.