GOVERNMENT OF INDIA POWER LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan for increasing investment in the power sector and augmenting power generation from various sources in the country in the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any action plan is being formulated by the Government for increasing power generation in the backward States in the country including Jharkhand; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Government has taken a number of steps/policy initiatives which are expected to increase investment and power generation in the country during 11th Five Year Plan, as given below:

An enhanced capacity addition programme through successive Five Year Plans. During the 11th Five Year Plan a capacity addition target of 78,700 MW has been set from conventional energy sources.

Development of a number of Ultra Mega Power Projects of 4,000 MW each under tariff based competitive bidding.

Harnessing surplus captive power into the grid.

Development of about 10,000 MW capacity through merchant power plant initiative.

Development of extensive network of transmission system commensurate with the capacity addition programme. Addition of new inter-regional capacities through development of National Grid.

Energy Conservation and energy efficiency through Demand Side Management (DSM) and end user initiative.

Rigorous monitoring of capacity addition of the on-going generation projects.

Renovation, modernization and life extension of old and inefficient generation units.

PFC and REC to ensure that good projects are not hampered due to non availability of funds so that viable projects are not hampered.

Mega Power Policy, on incentives development of large projects, first announced in 1995 and has been revised from time to time.

(c) & (d): State-wise and sector-wise, details of capacity targeted for commissioning during 11th Plan , including the State of Jharkhand, are at Annex.