GOVERNMENT OF INDIA POWER LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1808 ANSWERED ON:07.03.2013 DABHOL POWER PROJECT

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the quantum of power generated by the Ratnagiri Gas and Power Private Limited's (RGPPL) plant at Dabhol has declined over the years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the installed capacity and the quantum of power generation from the plant during the last three years and the current year, year wise;
- (c) whether the Maharashtra Government has requested the Union Government to take over the Dabhol Power Plant;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) Ratnagiri Gas and Power Private Limited (RGPPL) Power Block has total capacity of 1967.08 Mega Watt (MW) consisting of three power blocks. The entire power block has been revived and available for commercial operation w.e.f. May 19, 2009. The entire Power Block of RGPPL is envisaged to be operated fully on domestic gas allocated by Government of India from Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) KG D6 Block [7.6 Million Metric Standard Cubic Meter per Day (MMSCMD)] and Oil and Natural Gas Company (ONGC)'s marginal fields (0.9 MMSCMD).

Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) expressed difficulty in supplying 0.9 MMSCMD gas due to technical constraints between them and ONGC. However GAIL was supplying some quantity of this since January 30, 2012 through swapping with other customers but this also has been fully stopped from March 04, 2013.

Regarding gas allocated from KG - D6 basin by Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) amounting to 76 MMSCMD there has been continuous decline in supply starting from September` 2011 and it has become Zero from March 1, 2013 as RIL has effected full curtailment in supply of KG D6 gas to RGPPL after meeting requirement of gas needed for operation of pipeline, in Fertilizer sector & Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) having higher priority in supply of KG D6 gas compared to Power sector.

Year-Wise Power Generation from RGPPL is as under:

Financial Year Installed capacity Gross Generation in Million Units (MU)

2009-10 1967.08 MW 8289 MU (Annual Target: 7500 MU)

2010-11 1967.08 MW 11877 MU (Annual Target: 11340 MU)

2012-13(up 1967.08 MW 5122 MU (Annual Target: 13785 MU) to February`13

- (c) No such request has been received in the Ministry.
- (d) & (e) In view of (c) above does not arise.