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ENERGY CRISIS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is energy crisis in the country in spite of various power projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the condition of the power plants in the country is very pitiable including Jharkhand and the conventional energy reserves for supply to these power plants are likely to be exhausted within a few years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) There is overall shortage of energy in the country which varies from state to state and season to season as well as day to day depending on demand and supply of power. During the current year (April, 2012 to February, 2013), the overall energy shortages in the country was 79,636 MU (8.8%) against a total energy availability of 8,26,532 MU in the same period.

(c) & (d) As regards the condition of thermal power plants in the country including Jharkhand is concerned, the average plant load Factor is 69.97% for the period April 2012 to February, 2013. As regards conventional energy reserves for supply to these power plants, a cumulative total of about 2.93 lac Million Tonne (MT) of Geological Resources of Coal have so far been estimated in the country as on 1st April, 2012 against the annual coal requirement of 500 Million Tonnes in the year 2012-13. As such, conventional energy reserves of coal being supplied to power plants in the country is not likely to be exhausted within a few years. The power stations in Jharkhand are having coal stock for more than 7 days as on 10th March, 2013. A group of officers of Ministry of Power, Ministry of Railways and Coal India Limited meets every week to review the coal supply position to thermal power station and takes measures to augment coal supply to the power plants.