

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5819
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2013
POWER CRISIS
Bhagat Shri Sudarshan;Saha Shri Anup Kumar

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether most of the thermal power plants in the country are on the verge of closure due to shortage of coal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for constant decline in the growth rate of power sector;
- (d) whether the power deficit in the country is likely to increase further during the current year and the same is likely to cause major financial crisis; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the immediate steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to tide over the crisis?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : No, Madam.

(c) : Power sector has grown positively over the 11th Plan period. It registered a growth rate of 3.96% in 2012-13. The compression in growth rate is largely accounted by poor hydrological conditions in the year 2012-13 and inadequate gas availability due to steep reduction in gas availability from KGD- 6 basin.

(d) & (e) : The peak deficit in the year 2012-13 was 9% against the deficit of 10.6% in the year 2011-12. The decision to add generation capacity of 88,537 MW, import 82 Million Tonne of coal, reduction in transmission and distribution losses, etc., is expected to bridge the gap between peak demand and peak met.