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SETTING UP OF UMPP

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had launched an initiative in the year 2005 to setup Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs) for power generation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the locations identified for setting up of UMPPs along with the power generation capacity of each of them, project/Statewise;
- (c) the present status of each of these UMPPs including those being setup/proposed to be setup in Tamil Nadu and the details of arrangements made/being made for fuel supply to these UMPPs;
- (d) the reasons for the delay in setting up of these UMPPs and the efforts made by the Government to expedite the completion of these projects; and
- (e) the time by which these projects are likely to be commissioned?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c) : The Ministry of Power has launched an initiative for the development of coal based Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs), each of about 4000 MW capacity, in various states through tariff based competitive bidding. Sixteen UMPPs have been identified in various parts of the country. Of these, eight UMPPs are based on domestic coal from captive coal blocks to be allocated by Ministry of Coal and eight based on imported coal, to be arranged by developer. Out of eight based on domestic coal blocks, blocks have been allocated/identified for six UMPPs. Details of all UMPPs are at Annex-I.
- (d) : The reasons for delay in setting up of these UMPPs are non- finalization of sites by host states, delay in transfer/acquisition of land, new regulation outside India pertaining to export of coal, forest related issues particularly categorization of Go/No-Go area, delay in environment and forest clearances etc. The issues have been taken up with the concerned Ministry/Department and State Governments for early resolution.
- (e) : List of awarded UMPPs along with details of commissioning schedule as per Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) is at Annex-II.