

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether various power projects in the country are lying closed at present and many of the power plants are also not generating power as per their capacity;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to bring the closed power projects back into the state of operation and enhance the capacity of the plants engaged in generation of power along with the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : 10 Power Plants with aggregate capacity of 1414 MW are not in operation as on 31st January, 2013. The details of power plants not in operation along with the reasons is at Annex-I.

The names and details of Thermal (Coal and Lignite) and Hydro power plants, which are running less than their capacity during April, 2013- January, 2014 is at Annex-II and Annex-III respectively.

The generation from Gas and Liquid fuel based Plants was less during 2013-14 (April 2013 – January 2014) due to non-availability of gas from KGD6 basin and high generation cost of Plants based on RLNG / Liquid fuel / Diesel. During April, 2013 – January 2014, the cumulative Plant Load Factor (PLF) of Gas based Stations was 24.58%.

(c) : Following steps taken / proposed by the Government to bring the closed power projects back into the state of operation:

1. Efforts are being made at ministerial level to make coal available for power sector.
2. Review of progress of power projects under R&M is being done, to identify the constraint areas and facilitate their faster resolution, so that the projects are re-commissioned on time. Expected date of return of Barauni TPS is June, 2014.
3. Neyvelli TPS-II (Exp) is expected to be re-commissioned in February, 2014.
4. Other five plants are shut down due to obsolete technology or high fuel cost and cannot be revived because of uneconomical operation.