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POWER REFORMS

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has expressed concerns over the delays in implementing power reforms, awarding mega transmission projects and commissioning of Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs) and continued shortfall in power generation in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the poor progress in the power sector could have an adverse impact on economic growth;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to speed up the implementation of power reforms, creation of mega transmission projects and commissioning of Ultra Mega Power Projects etc. so as to meet the power requirements of the country?

Answer

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

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

(c) to (e) : The reforms in Power Sector in the country are an on-going process and have led to continuous improvement in availability of power to consumers. The steps taken by the Government of India to take the Power Sector forward include putting in place a liberal and progressive legal framework with features like open access and no requirement of license for generation, an independent regulatory framework at Centre and State levels, the Restructured Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (R-APDRP) for assisting the States incentivizing better financial performance by the State Power utilities, the Tariff Policy which provides for competitive procurement of power in a transparent manner etc.

This has led to installation of new Generation capacity of 54,964 MW during 11th Plan, the highest ever achieved in any five year plan period.

The capacity addition target during 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17) is 88,537 MW from conventional sources. This is expected to meet the projected demand for power in the country by the terminal year of 12th Five Year Plan.