GOVERNMENT OF INDIA POWER LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:711 ANSWERED ON:20.07.2017 DVC Ray Dr. Ravindra Kumar

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to shift the headquarter of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) to Jharkhand as most of its jurisdiction falls in Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of advantages and disadvantages keeping the DVC headquarter in Kolkata itself and whether the Government has ever made any assessment in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): No, Madam.

(b) & (c): Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) is the first major Multipurpose Integrated River Valley Project of India which came into existence on 7 July 1948 by an Act of Central Legislature (Act No. XIV of 1948). DVC was conceived on the lines of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) of the USA. Damodar Valley Corporation has entered into 70th year of its existence.

The central activities of DVC pertaining to Administration, Engineering & Planning, Monitoring and Departmental control functions at corporate level are being carried out at the DVC Corporate Headquarters situated at Kolkata. The Operational Headquarters for generation and distribution of electrical energy is in Maithon, located in the State of Jharkhand. The Maithon Operational Headquarters has field base control over generation, transmission and distribution, Project construction, Flood control and Irrigation, Social Integration Programme, Fisheries Development etc. In addition, Soil Conservation Department, Afforestation and Directorate of Rehabilitation and Land Acquisition are also located at Hazaribagh in the State of Jharkhand. The different activities as per requirements of work have been carried out from different centres of operation as was considered convenient and logical.