

(a) whether the demand of power is increasing every year and presently 80 per cent power generated is through thermal capacity, there is any perspective planning during Thirteenth and Fourteenth Five Year Plans to bring it below 70 per cent;

(b) whether sites have been identified in Haryana and Madhya Pradesh while planning nuclear power generation; and

(c) what is the costing profile of hydropower generation especially in view of erratic monsoons, coupled with global warming?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) The demand for power is increasing every year. The thermal power generation in the Country during the year 2010-11 was 665.01 Billion Units (BU) which is 82% of the total power generated (811.4 BU) in the country during the year. Perspective planning has been carried out for Twelfth and Thirteenth Five Year Plans wherein thrust has been given to power, generation from hydro and nuclear sources, subject to feasibility of these projects. Thrust is also being given to power generation from renewable sources during Twelfth and Thirteenth Five Year Plans.

(b) Nuclear Power Corporation has identified sites in Haryana and Madhya Pradesh for setting up of nuclear power projects.

(c) The sale price of power from hydro power generating stations is determined as per the CERC Terms and Conditions of Tariff Regulations, 2009 dated 19th January, 2009. This is done under a cost plus regime taking all factors into account.

The average sale price of power from hydro power generating stations during 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 is as given below:

(Figures in Paise /kWh)

Source	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 *
Hydro	153.85	201.26	214.70

\* Latest available

#### Irregularities in mega power projects

2142. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has noticed any irregularities in mega power projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) the possible loss to the exchequer due to such irregularities; and
- (d) the steps/measures taken/being taken by Government against the erring officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) Thermal power projects with capacity of 1000 MW or more (700 MW for projects at J&K and North-Eastern States) and hydel power projects with capacity of 500 MW or more (350 MW for projects at J&K and North-Eastern States) which have been granted mega status certificate in accordance with mega power policy, are mega power projects. No irregularities has been noticed in mega power projects so far.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of reply at (a) above.

#### **Benefits to private sector companies**

†2143. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Comptroller and Auditor General has recently submitted audit report on the functioning of the Ministry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that it has been stated in that report that private sector companies have been extended undue benefit by the Ministry; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) and (b) No Audit Report from the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) on the functioning of the Ministry has been received recently. However, this Ministry is in receipt of queries, observations and follow up report on some issues related to this Ministry on Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs).

(c) and (d) The audit has observed that Empowered Group of Ministers' (EGoM)'s decision to allow use of excess coal from the coal blocks of Sasan UMPP to the other projects of the developer has vitiated the key commercial condition for the UMPP resulting in undue benefit to the developer. The Ministry has already replied to the queries raised by the audit in this regard.

One of the bidders had filed a case in the Delhi High Court against the above decision of the Government. That Writ Petition was dismissed by the court. The said bidder thereafter approached the Supreme Court and the matter at present is subjudice.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.