

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.89
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.07.2017

VIABILITY OF THERMAL POWER PLANTS

89. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of **POWER**
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the country's thermal power plants would become economically unviable as reported in the media recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to keep the thermal power plants of the country economically viable and productive?

A N S W E R

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

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

- (a) : No, Sir.
- (b) : Does not arise.
- (c) : The Government has taken the following measures to support thermal power plants:
 - i. Ensuring Coal supply through a more Transparent Coal Allocation Policy for Power Sector, 2017 namely Scheme for Harnessing and Allocating Koyala (Coal) Transparently in India (**SHAKTI**).
 - ii. Amended Mega Power Policy for Provisional Mega Power Projects
 - iii. Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) scheme for Financial and Operational Turnaround of power distribution utilities (DISCOMs) of the country.
 - iv. Augmenting Transmission capacity to remove transmission constraints.
 - v. Flexibility in utilisation of domestic coal for reducing the cost of power generation.
