

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2875
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2018

UNDER-UTILISATION OF THERMAL POWER PLANTS

2875. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that despite improvement in power distribution in many States the demand for power from thermal power plants has not increased with the result that many of the plants are unable to exploit their installed capacity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what special measures Government proposes to take to ensure that the power generation capacity of thermal plants are fully exploited for the benefit of consumer?

A N S W E R

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

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) & (b) : No, Sir. The electricity generation from Thermal Power Plants have increased from 792.5 Billion Units in 2013-14 to 994.2 Billion Units in 2016-17. The year-wise details of generation from Thermal Power Plants are given at **Annex**.

(c) : The measures taken by the Government to ensure that the power generation capacity of Thermal Plants are further utilised for the benefit of the consumer are as under:-

- (i) Government of India is assisting states through schemes like Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) and Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) etc. for strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution networks.
- (ii) Government is supporting electrification of villages and providing access of electricity to all unelectrified households through Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya)
- (iii) Coal blocks have been allotted to central/state power utilities to improve domestic coal availability.
- (iv) The Government has introduced a scheme SHAKTI (Scheme for Harnessing and Allocating Koyala (Coal) Transparently in India)-2017, to provide coal linkages to the power plants which do not have any linkage.
- (v) The Government has introduced flexibility in utilization of domestic coal amongst power generating stations to reduce the cost of power generation.

ANNEX

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2875 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE RAJYA SABHA ON 20.03.2018.

Year wise Generation from Thermal Power Plants

Year	Generation (in Billion Units)
2013-14	792.5
2014-15	878.3
2015-16	943.8
2016-17	994.2
