GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF POWER

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2366 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.03.2020

PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICITY

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the power generation capacity is sufficient to meet the rapidly growing demand for power in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any concrete action plan to increase the power generation in the near future;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this direction till now?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. During the period April, 2019 to January, 2020, the energy supplied in the country was 1,081,677 Million Units (MU) as against the energy requirement of 1,087,253 MU with a marginal gap of 0.5%. Even, this gap is generally on account of factors other than inadequacy of power availability in the country e.g. constraints in distribution network, financial constraints, commercial reasons, etc.

The following measures are taken by Government of India to increase power production:

- (i) Thermal and hydro power plants are at various stages of construction in the country;
- (ii) 1,700 MW of nuclear power project are in an advance stage of planning; and
- (iii) The Government has a target of 1,75,000 MW installed capacity from renewable sources, including solar, wind, biomass and small hydro.
