GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF POWER

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AVERAGE ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF TPPS

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study/survey regarding the energy efficiency of Thermal Power Plants (TPPs) in the country during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details and the average energy efficiency thereof;
- (c) the details of the steps taken/being taken to increase energy efficiency and output of thermal power plants across the country especially in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) whether the Government has considered for upgrading the existing technology in thermal power plants to increase efficiency across the country and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) & (b): As per the report of Central Electricity Authority, the all India thermal efficiency of coal and lignite based plants is 35.02 % in the year 2022-23. The all India thermal Efficiency of Coal & Lignite Based Plants for the years 2018-19 to 2022-23 are given below:

Year	Efficiency (%)
2018-19	35.62
2019-20	35.69
2020-21	35.88
2021-22	35.11
2022-23	35.02

(c) & (d): To improve the energy efficiency in Thermal Power Plants (TPPs), the TPP sector has been included under the PAT scheme. This scheme stipulates improvement in the heat rate of TPPs in a cycle of 3 years. This scheme covers a total capacity of 184 GW including 11.2 GW capacity of TPPs in Andhra Pradesh. As a result of implementation of the scheme, the TPP sector has achieved energy savings of 7.73 million tonnes of oil equivalent (MToE) including 0.146 MToE in Andhra Pradesh.

Power generation is a de-licensed activity and promoters of TPPs take conscious decision in regard to suitable technologies for their TPPs. However, Ministry of Power encourages installation of efficient Super-critical/ Ultra Super-critical units over subcritical coal based thermal units as these units are more efficient than sub-critical units.

As on 28.03.2025, 98 super critical units totaling to 68,070 MW and 8 Ultra Supercritical units totaling to 5,560 MW have been installed in the country including 8 super critical units with total capacity of 5,840 MW in Andhra Pradesh.
