

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF POWER GENERATION EQUIPMENT

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

- (a) whether some power projects in the country are adversely affected due to shortage of power generation equipment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has prepared any scheme to ensure supply of adequate equipment in order to achieve the target fixed for power generation in the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER ( SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE )

(a) & (b) : Delay in supply of critical equipment has emerged as one of the reasons for slippages in executing the power projects in the recent past. The proposed capacity addition of 16,335 MW for the current year includes a number of thermal projects aggregating approximately 4,275 MW which were originally scheduled to be commissioned in the previous year 2006-07, but have not yet been commissioned. The details of those projects, as also those thermal projects scheduled to be commissioned during the current year 2007-08 but which are slipping past their originally scheduled date due to delay in supply of critical equipments, are given in the Annex, of this, as per present information, one unit of the Raigarh Thermal Power Project originally scheduled to be commissioned in the current year is now scheduled to be commissioned in the next year 2008-09.

(c) & (d) : To avoid the slippages of the Eleventh Plan targets, inter alia, quarterly progress review of the capacity addition programme is being carried out with the Central Electricity Authority and the Central Public Sector Undertakings. Expansion of BHEL's capacity as well as development of manufacturing capacity by generating CPSUs, or private players alone, or through joint ventures are possible options to augment the manufacturing capacity in line with the generation capacities being planned for the Eleventh Plan and beyond. In addition, import of equipment is also permissible

The working of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), which is the major manufacturer of plant and equipment in the public sector, is being regularly reviewed by the Ministry of Heavy Industry and Public Enterprises; furthermore, BHEL is augmenting its capacity to 10,000 MW by December, 2007 and further to 15,000 MW by December, 2009.