



EDITORIAL

100,000 MW in the 12th Plan period Achievable?

The International Conclave on 'Key Inputs for accelerated development of Power Sector for 12th Plan and Beyond', organized by Power Ministry and CEA in August 2009 in partnership with CBIP and IEEMA to sensitize the industry, utilities and State Governments about the requirement of 12th Five Year Plan has brought up a number of issues, which may have impact on the achievability of the Plan targets.

No doubt that the plan targets are ambitious and translate to addition of 20,000 MW every year. Organization of this conclave was therefore very timely and must have helped all stakeholders in understanding the strengths, weaknesses and ground realities.

Many issues related to generation side like fuel linkages, environmental clearances, indigenous capacity building for high efficiency super critical units, etc. were discussed whereas on the transmission, distribution and equipment side, major concerns raised were, ramping up of the capacities; particularly in 765 kV range, and use of energy efficient transformers were discussed.

From the perspective of manufacturers and project contractors, we believe that the major issues remain planning, awarding and execution of contracts in a timely manner as also following standard contracting terms and conditions, uniform specifications, gaps in capacities and availability of critical raw materials.

To achieve the targets in generation, where capacity augmentation has already started, there is need to close the gaps in the balance of equipment.

For the equipment required for the transmission and distribution sector, the major worries continue to be bunching of orders, testing facilities at CPRI, particularly the short circuit testing, availability of CRGO steel.

There are many other issues, which have been raised during the Conclave, discussed and included in the final recommendations.

It is now necessary to follow-up on these recommendations and ensure that most of them are resolved so that major impediments in achieving the target are out of the way.

We hope that all of us work together to address these issues, tackle them and move forward to take on the challenges of 1,00,000 MW addition in 12th Plan.



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