

Six UP plants to start generating 7,260MW

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Lucknow: The state government on Sunday claimed that six new thermal power plants will start generating 7,260MW of power by March next year. Out of this, 1,320 MW generation will start from this year.

With the commissioning of new thermal power projects in UP, the capacity of the state's production houses will increase to 12,734MW. This includes generation of 9,434MW by the UP Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam and 3,300 MW from joint ventures.

According to a government spokesperson, the new thermal power plants which will increase the power generation capacity of the state include Meja power plant where two 660 MW units are being installed under a joint venture of UPRVUN and NTPC at an estimated cost of Rs 12,176 crore. Having commissioned 660 MW in April last year, the power plant will see its second unit of 660 MW getting fired up later this year.

Similarly, a 660MW unit in Harduaganj would start generating power later this year. The under-construction two units of 660-660 MW each of Obra-C will start operating by March 2022. Likewise, the Jawaharpur thermal project, which is being constructed at a cost of Rs 10,566 crore will see commissioning of two units of 660MW each by March 2022. The three under-construction units of 660 MW in Ghatampur is also targetted to start operation from May 2022.

According to the UP Power Department officials, the plan is afoot to increase the power generation in the state within due time. Along with this, as many as 1.38 crore power connections have been given in the last four years.

For the first time in the state, the government has brought to an end the VIP culture by bringing 'uniformity' in power supply throughout the state. This is in contrast to the previous regime when the proper power supply was limited to 'only five districts' and that too at the cost of the remaining districts, the spokesperson said.

The people of the state, he said, have observed that during the rule of the SP and BSP governments, the home districts of the top leaders of these parties were ensured round- the-clock power supply. “Now the scenario is changed and the roster of electricity supply is scheduled for 24 hours at the district headquarters, 22 hours at the tehsil headquarters and 18 hours in the villages with no power cut in the rural after sunset,” officials said.