

at planning/implementation stage. Further, High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) back-to-back interconnection between Behrampur (India) and Bheramara (Bangladesh) is under implementation. Feasibility study for HVDC interconnection between India and Sri-Lanka is under preparation.

(c) and (d) Presently, India-Nepal have number of radial inter-connections at 11/33 and 132 kV level through which 50-60 MW power is being exchanged. For exchange of power on a larger scale from the electricity markets of India and Nepal, Dhalkebar-Muzaffarpur 400 kV D/C transmission line (to be initially charged at 220 kV) has been planned through Joint Venture companies, one for the Indian portion and the other for the Nepalese portion.

Power shortage faced by SMES

2914. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the severe power shortage faced by Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) and (b) Electricity being a concurrent subject, responsibility for supply of electricity to different categories of consumers lies with the concerned State Government/Power Utilities in the State. Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by establishing power plants in Central Sector through Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs). The information in regard to power shortage faced by SMEs is not maintained by Central Electricity Authority/ Ministry of Power.

Approval of projects under RGGVY Phase-II

2915. SHRI N.K SINGH:

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether projects under Phase-II of the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) have been sanctioned;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of proposals/Detailed Project Reports of various State Governments pending for Government's approval in this regard?