

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) and (b) At present the national power grid in the country consists of transmission grids of respective State Transmission Utilities (STUs) and Inter State Transmission System (ISTS) grid. From the operational point of view the ISTS grid is divided into five Regional Grids *i.e.* Northern Region (NR), Western Region (WR), Southern Region (SR), Eastern Region (ER) and North Eastern Region (NER) Grids. These Regional Grids have been inter-connected to form a National Power Grid. The National Power Grid is being developed in a phased manner. By now, all the Regional Grids have already been inter-connected. Four Regional Grids of the National Grid viz. NR, WR, ER and NER grids have been interconnected synchronously and the SR grid is connected asynchronously with the rest of the National Power Grid. The total transmission capacity of the inter-regional transmission links at the end of the 11th Plan as on 31.3.2012 was 27,750 MW.

(c) to (e) The North Eastern Regional (NER) Grid, comprising of North Eastern States is already a part of the National Grid and is synchronously inter-connected with the Northern, Eastern and Western Grids as per details given below :

- (i) NER Grid was synchronously interconnected with Eastern Region (ER) Grid in 1992.
- (ii) NER Grid was synchronously interconnected with Western Region Grid (WR) in 2003.
- (iii) NER Grid was synchronously interconnected with Northern Region (NR) Grid in 2006.
- (iv) Presently, the NER Grid is connected with the ER Grid through two transmission lines (i) Birpara-Salakati 220 kV D/c line and (ii) Malda-Bongaigaon 400 kV D/c line.

The inclusion of North Eastern Regional Grid in the National Grid has enabled all the States of North Eastern Region to export power to other regions during surplus power conditions and import power from other regions during deficit power conditions.

Profitability of power companies

†4922. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that for the development of power sector in the

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country, it is necessary to ensure the supply of fuel to power generation projects and fixing of remunerative consumer sale price of electricity;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government has fixed certain percentage of dividend for power generation projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) and (b) The Tariff Policy, 2006 as amended from time to time, *inter-alia*, envisages that the power tariff should ensure financial viability of the sector and attract investment. In view of this, consumer selling price of electricity is required to be set such that it is remunerative for the developer as well. The supply of fuel is also necessary without which the power generation from thermal power station which constitute the major generation capacity, is not possible. Without the supply of fuel the power sector would become unviable.

Regarding setting of remunerative consumer selling price; the Tariff Policy under para 8.3-(tariff design: linkage of tariffs to cost of service) stipulates as under:

- In terms of the section 61(g) of the National Electricity Act, the Appropriate Commission shall be guided by the objective that the tariff progressively reflects the efficient and prudent cost of supply of electricity.
- The State Government can give subsidy to the extent they consider appropriate as per the provisions of section 65 of the National Electricity Act.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply at (c) above.

Rural electrification in Odisha

4923. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the status of rural electrification under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) including the number of villages proposed for electrification and the funds allocated therefor, as on date and its fulfilment, State-wise and category wise;