

**Connecting Southern region with National Grid**

1620. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Southern Region is not synchronously inter-connected with the rest of the National Power Grid at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government for augmentation of inter-regional capacity including the integration of large renewable energy generation in Southern Region with the rest of the country for its optimal utilization?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) Southern Region is synchronously inter-connected with rest of the National Power Grid.

(c) A number of inter-regional links have been planned which interconnect the five regional grids *i.e.* Northern Region, Western Region, Southern Region, Eastern Region and North-Eastern Region to form the National Grid. Presently, the total transmission capacity of such inter-regional links is 45,850 MW which is expected to be increased to 68,050 MW by the end of 12th Plan *i.e.* 2016-17. Further, various Inter-State transmission schemes have also been planned under Green Energy Corridor for integration of large renewable energy generation in Southern Region with the State/inter-State grids.

**Obstacles in NTPC's diversification plans**

1621. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) anticipates obstacles from the State Governments for its ambitious plans of entering into transmission and distribution of power;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the areas, that are electrified by NTPC, may get non-stop supply as opposed to those where power reaches only for 6-10 hours; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) At present, the National Thermal Power Corporation is not planning to start transmission and distribution of Power.

(c) and (d) In view of the (a) and (b) above, question does not arise.