

**Agreement signed between India and Bangladesh**

1571. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has signed any agreement with Bangladesh or any other South Asian country in order to enhance electricity generation and also to enhance the export of power;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government has any such proposal in the future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (c) India has not signed any specific agreement with Bangladesh to enhance electricity generation or to enhance export of power. However, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on "Cooperation in Power Sector" on 11.1.2010.

India has signed a bilateral agreement with Government of Nepal on "Electric Power Trade, Cross-Border Transmission Interconnection and Grid Connectivity" on 21.10.2014 and with the Royal Government of Bhutan concerning "Cooperation in the field of Hydroelectric Power" on 28.7.2006.

Besides, SAARC Framework Agreement for Energy Cooperation (Electricity) has also been signed, by all the SAARC member States, comprising Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, on 27.11.2014.

**Electricity supply and connections in electrified villages**

†1572. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the average hours of power supply in villages which were electrified during the year 2014-15 and 2015-16, State-wise; and

(b) whether the number of electrified houses in such villages is very small and if so, the average number of houses which have electricity connections and which do not have electricity connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) Electricity is a concurrent subject. Supply of electricity to the consumers which were electrified during the year 2014-15 and 2015-16 in a State/UT is within the

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