

Connecting Southern States with Northern Grid

775. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of connecting Southern States with Northern Power Grid;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the work is nearing completion; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (c) The Southern Regional grid comprising of all Southern States is already connected with the National Power Grid which includes Northern, Eastern, Western and North Eastern Grid (NEW Grid) through various high Capacity transmission links like 765 kV Raichur - Solapur circuit 1&2, 765 kV Narendra - Kolhapur, Gazuwaka HVDC back-to-back, Talcher - Kolar HVDC bipole and Chandrapur HVDC back-to-back transmission lines.

Fall in electricity generation

776. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the electricity generation in India suffered an alarming reduction in March, 2016; and
- (b) if so, what are the steps taken by Government to improve the said situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The electricity generation in India did not suffer any alarming reduction in March, 2016. The generation during March, 2016 was 96.51 Billion Units (BU) as compared to 86.34 BU during March, 2015 showing a growth of 11.78%.

Distribution of LED bulbs under UJALA

†777. SHRI LAL SINK VADODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of LED bulbs proposed to be given to the people in the country under the Ujala scheme of Government and the number of such bulbs proposed to be given to each person;
- (b) the number of people benefited from this scheme, till date and the number of bulbs distributed, so far; and

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