

THE VICE-CHAIRPERSON (MS. KAVITA PATIDAR): The hon. Member, Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), associated himself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member, Shri Shambhu Sharan Patel.

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SHRI P. WILSON (Tamil Nadu): TANGEDCO, the Tamil Nadu State Power Utility, has initiated the development of a 2x800 MW Super Critical Thermal project at Uppur in Ramanathapuram District. Similarly, the 1,320 MW Udangudi Stage-I is nearing completion, with potential for further development of 2,640 MW through Udangudi Stage II & III. The State Government has granted administrative approval. Existing coal handling infrastructure, including a coal jetty and closed conveyor systems, are in place for all three stages.

Considering that the development of in-State projects is vital for the growth, it is proposed by state that NTPC and NLC undertake further development of these projects with an estimated cost of ₹30,000 crores. The electricity generated could be utilized by Tamil Nadu and other southern states, as the capacity of existing transmission lines is nearly maxed out, and establishing new lines could take 8-10 years.

Enabling these projects by NTPC and NLC will enhance the energy security of Tamil Nadu and other southern states. Additionally, the power demand in Tamil Nadu is increasing at a higher rate compared to other states, expected to cross a peak demand of 21,000 MW by 2025-26. Presently, Tamil Nadu receives only 55 per cent of power from Units I and II of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KKNPP), roughly 1,150 MW. With Units III and IV expected to be completed by 2025, it is urged that 100 per cent allocation from Unit III and IV be granted to Tamil Nadu to meet the growing demand and make State of Tamil Nadu without power cuts.

THE VICE-CHAIRPERSON (MS. KAVITA PATIDAR): The following hon. Members associated themselves with the Special Mention made by hon. Member, Shri P. Wilson: Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu (Tamil Nadu), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Shrimati Jebi Mather Hisham (Kerala), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Shri R. Girirajan (Tamil Nadu), Shri M. Shanmugam (Tamil Nadu), Shri A.A. Rahim (Kerala), Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu), and Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala).

Now, Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal. Concern over attacks by stray animals in the country.