

## **Regarding privatization of power supply in the UT of Puducherry**

**SHRI VE. VAITHILINGAM (PUDUCHERRY):** At present, in Puducherry, the electricity power distribution and maintenance are being carried out effectively by the Electricity Department, Government of Puducherry. The Union Government has proposed for privatization of power Departments and Utilities in Union Territories including UT of Puducherry. As far as Puducherry is concerned, it's neither Corporation nor Board and its being done by the Government directly. The Electricity Department is having huge asset base and there is no loss so far. Also, there is no generation of power in Puducherry and the distribution loss is very minimal and handled effectively by the present administration. Under these circumstances it's not justifiable by any means to go for privatization of power in Puducherry. The people of Puducherry are deadly against the move of the Government towards privatization which we could visualize during the recent elections to the House of People. Hence, I request the Union Government to drop the proposal and stop all the process in respect of privatization of power department in UT of Puducherry.