

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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PRIVATE PARTICIPATION IN T D SYSTEM  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) has sought private sector participation in setting up the new transmission facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the area where the new transmission system is likely to be set up;
- (c) whether the 16 valley thermal power station in Orissa is proposed to be taken over by private sector; and
- (d) if so, the term and condition laid down therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF POWER ( SHRI P.M. SAYEED )

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : PGCIL has formed a Joint Venture with M/s. TATA Power for implementing certain transmission lines under 'Transmission System associated with Tala HEP, East-North Interconnector and Northern Region Transmission System' which has been evolved for transfer of power of Tala HEP from Siliguri to the constituents in Eastern Region and transfer of surplus power of Eastern Region to Northern Region.

PGCIL has identified Transmission Systems associated with Koldam HEP and Parbati HEP in Northern Region, Transmission System associated with Maithon Power Project in Eastern Region and System Strengthening Scheme for Western Region for implementation of certain lines through Joint Venture with private investors.

(c) & (d) : There is no '16 valley thermal power station' in Orissa. However, as per the information made available by Government of Orissa, the 16 Valley Thermal Power Plant is managed by the Orissa Power Generation Corporation (OPGC) in which the State Government hold 51% share and the balance 49% share is held by two companies, viz. AES (Mauritius) Pvt. Ltd. and AES (India) Pvt. Ltd. The operation and management of OPGC is governed by the terms and conditions laid down in the Shareholders Agreement, Articles of Association and Power Purchase Agreement. The State Government is not contemplating any further privatization of OPGC.