

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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PROJECT OF SYSTEM STRENGTHENING VII
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a delay in the project of system strengthening VII in the southern region (248 CKM);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the time overruns and the total cost of the project; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for the completion of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

(a) to (c): Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) has implemented System Strengthening VII (SS VII) of Southern Region with an approved project cost of Rs.279.30 Crore. The Project Completion Schedule was July, 2009.

(A) Scope of the Project:

Loop in Loop Out (LILO) of 400 kV Madurai – Trichy Line at Karraikudi (98 Ckm) with new 400/220 kV Karaikudi Sub-Station.

Loop in Loop Out (LILO) of 400 kV Neelamangala – Talaguppa at Hassan (148 Ckm) with new 400/220 kV Hassan Sub-station.

(B) Status of Project:

The Transmission Line and Sub-station at Karraikudi as per Sr. A

(i) were commissioned in July, 2009 as per Schedule.

The works for the 400 kV Transmission Line and Sub-station at Hassan as per Sr. A (ii) from PGCIL side were completed in August, 2009.

The delay of one month was on account of stay order from District court due to which the erection works were held up. On vacation of stay in August, 2009, the Transmission Line works were completed. However, the project benefits could not be utilized still, due to non-readiness of 220 kV downstream Transmission line of Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL).

The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has informed that the matter has been taken up with the KPTCL for expediting the commissioning of the 220 kV down stream lines and to ensure the commissioning of these works by March, 2010.