

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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CROSS BORDER POWER GRID CONNECTIVITY  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has signed an agreement with foreign countries for cross-border power grid connectivity during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any funds have been allocated for the construction of such grids;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the benefits accrued so far from such grids?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): Yes, Madam. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Government of the People Republic of Bangladesh and Government of India on cooperation in power sector was signed on 11th January, 2010. One of the clauses in the MOU stipulates that steps should be taken to establish electrical grid connectivity between the two countries. The interconnection of electricity grids of India and Bangladesh has been planned through about 125 km long 400 KV transmission line between Bharampur (India) and Bheramara (Bangladesh) along with 500 MW HVDC back to back terminals at Bheramara. The total estimated cost of the project is Rs.869.21 crore. Share of Government of India and Government of Bangladesh is Rs.160.33 crores and Rs.708.88 crores, respectively. Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. will meet the Indian portion of the cost from its own internal resources. Grid connectivity is yet to be completed.