

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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INDO-AUSTRALIA COOPERATION IN POWER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has signed any agreement with Australia for cooperation in the power sector including tie-up for the gas supply for new power plants proposed to be set up in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed for the purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) : The Ministry of Power has not signed any agreement with the Government of Australia for co-operation in the power sector. However, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has signed a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 5.02.2010 with the Government of Australia to facilitate R&D in renewable technology, industry to industry collaboration etc.