

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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INTER CONNECTIVITY OF GRIDS

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Sri Lanka had signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) regarding feasibility study for putting in place infrastructure for inter- connectivity of grids between the two countries to allow smooth exchange of power;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the feasibility study for the purpose has been completed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which the aforesaid study is likely to be completed; and
- (e) the benefit accrued by both the countries as a result of inter- connectivity of grids?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL)

(a)&(b): A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed on 9th June, 2010 between Government of India (GoI), Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL), Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) and Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) for carrying out the Feasibility Study for interconnection of the India-Sri Lanka Electricity Grids, which inter-alia includes setting up of High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) Transmission system between the two countries involving under sea transmission as well.

As per the MOU, both PGCIL and CEB are `Executing Agencies for carrying out the above mentioned study and would compile data/details of their assigned activities and jointly complete the entire Feasibility Study. PGCIL would carry out all activities related to the land portion which falls in India and the entire sea portions, whereas CEB would carry out all activities related to Sri Lankan land portion. PGCIL has already completed the assigned work as per the MOU.

(c)to(e): The entire work related to this Feasibility Study is expected to be completed by 31st December, 2011, as agreed to in the Task Force and Steering Committee Meetings held on 3-4th August, 2011 at New Delhi, which inter-alia includes the benefits accrued to both the countries.