

Title: Need to ensure adequate Power Supply to Karnataka from Central Grid - Laid.

SHRI G. MALLIKARJUNAPPA (DAVANGERE): Sir, the State Government of Karnataka is facing a great power shortage at present and will continue in summer also. The State is largely dependent on hydel power. Due to inadequate rains in the last monsoon, the reservoirs are not full. The hydel power generating stations in the State will be able to produce only up to about 60 per cent of their installed capacities and this has created major crisis in the State. The State had also begun to stride ahead in power generation. Two major projects have been taken up this year besides the work on ambitious Bellary Thermal Power Station.

The State Government of Karnataka have also requested the neighbouring States to provide power but they have not responded positively.

In view of the grave situation that will arise in the State due to power shortage, I urge upon the Government to help the State in providing sufficient power so that the people do not face power shortage in the State.