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Title: Need to adopt comprehensive policy to give priority to Government projects and to provide gas to Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation Limited at Nedunoor.

SHRI PONNAM PRABHAKAR (KARIMNAGAR): I would like to state that Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation (APGENCO) has taken up the 2100 MW gas based electricity project in Nedunoor Village through Special Purpose Vehicle. Already, the developmental works like land acquisition, water allocation, pollution clearance and all permissions for this purpose were taken up. Required information also was furnished to CEA in the prescribed format for fixing *inter se* priority. All the clearances in this regard have been obtained and foundation stone has been laid by the then Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh on 14.2.2010 for 1st Stage (1X700 MW). Only 9.72 MMSCMD gas allocation for this project from Reliance is pending with the Ministry. For this, the Petroleum Ministry has given assurance to Government of Andhra Pradesh in 2007 April itself. The mutual agreement of the APGENCO and Reliance is still pending due to the non-allocation of gas by the Ministry. Earlier Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh and myself wrote many times to the Petroleum Ministry to allocate the gas to Nedunoor project. But it seems that the Ministry is giving priority to only those are ready for operation and other private projects. Recently, the Ministry officials met to discuss the gas allocation for the XII Five Year Plan. But it seems the APGENCO Nedunoor project has not been included so far. There is dire need to allocate gas for APGENCO instead of allocating the gas to private players, because it comes under State Government and it is catering to the needs of the State Andhra Pradesh projects. The gas linkage is must as the cost of RLNG is high compared to natural gas. I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas, to kindly allocate 9.72 MCMD gas for Nedunoor Project by adopting a comprehensive policy to give priority to government projects instead of private projects.