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Title: Need to allocate additional power to Tamil Nadu from Central Pool.

SHRI C. RAJENDRAN (CHENNAI SOUTH): Sir, in India, the electricity sector has an installed capacity of 185.5 gigawatt at the end of December 2011. This is the world's fifth largest. As far as power shortage is concerned, India currently suffers from major shortage in generation of electricity. The whole of India suffers from power shortage and Tamil Nadu is no exception to it.

As soon as coming back to power in Tamil Nadu, our hon. Chief Minister took major initiatives to tackle power crisis. Those initiatives will give fruits in the next few months' time. But as of now, Tamil Nadu is reeling under a power deficit of about 3000 MW. The present power generation is about 7,300 MW as against the capacity of 10,000 MW. The State Government of Tamil Nadu is taking all efforts to reduce the hardships being faced by the people, like commissioning of Vallur, Mettur and North Chennai Thermal Power Stations.

In the meanwhile, Tamil Nadu has requested the Centre to allocate more power of about 1,000 MW from the Central Pool to tide over the crisis, but we get a feeling that the Centre is meting out step-motherly treatment. Power shortage leads to crisis in manufacturing sector as a whole and hence, the Centre should accord highest priority to allocate more power to Tamil Nadu to meet the shortage.