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Title: Regarding adequate supply of power in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO (KHAMMAM): I would like to bring to your kind notice the grim power situation in Andhra Pradesh. The State is reeling under frequent power cuts and erratic electric supply. The demand for power is 264 MU per day, the supply is only 215 MU. So, there is a huge gap between the demand and supply. Consequently farmers, domestic power consumers and industry are suffering which is affecting the industrial production. The State Government has failed to establish a power corridor to enable transmission of electricity from neighbouring States. The consumers are forced to bear with power cuts for 10-12 hours in the rural areas and five to six hours in the urban areas. In the capital city of Hyderabad, the power utilities are imposing power cuts up to four hours in three spells. So far as farmers are concerned, they are not getting power supply for their agricultural operations even for four to five hours. The Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry has blamed the State Government for sleeping over the issue of power for the last three years, which has ultimately led to the severe crisis for small and tiny industrial sector. In view of this grim power scenario, I would request you to intervene and arrange to supply power from neighbouring States to mitigate the hardship of framers, domestic power consumers and industrial sector.