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Title: Need to allocate additional power supply to Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI PONNAM PRABHAKAR (KARIMNAGAR): I would like to draw the attention of the Government regarding the dire need to take steps to solve severe power crisis in entire Andhra Pradesh. Andhra Pradesh which was once a surplus power State in the country is struggling to meet the ever increasing demand for power supply. Acute power shortage has arisen due to increasing demand for power supply on account of increased housing activity, agriculture and industrial needs and also due to shortage of gas to the power generation units in the State particularly for Sattupalli Thermal Power Project-600 MW, Sankarapalli Gas Power Project-1000 MW and Karimnagar Gas based power project-2100 MW. While the entire power generation capacity in the State was about 14,000 MW, the present power generation is only about 10,000 MW - a deficit of 4,000 MW. All districts in Andhra Pradesh are facing power shortage and it would continue till the end of summer that is up to June, 2013. Industries starved of power will have to totally shut down in future. There is a need to tide over this unprecedented shortfall of power. Enhancement of corridor capacity between Northern-Eastern-Western-Northeast Grid and Southern Region Grid to shift the surplus power from one State to other State like Andhra Pradesh and hydel power generation is the need of the hour. There is need to complete the works of a 1400 MW power plant at Krishnapatnam and launching of a 500 MW solar powered plant. In view of the above factual situation, I request the Hon'ble Minister for Power to kindly allocate additional power to tide over the crisis in Andhra Pradesh, particularly in Telangana Region.