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Title:Need to allocate coal blocks for power plants in Tamil Nadu and accord environmental clearance for commissioning of Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO)-NLC joint venture at Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI T.G. VENKATESH BABU (CHENNAI NORTH): The installed capacity of conventional energy sources and non-conventional energy sources of TN Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO) was 13,231.44 MW and 8400.71 MW respectively as on February 28, 2015.

The power deficit of 4,000 MW in the first half of 2011, when the present Government assumed charge of Tamil Nadu, was systematically overcome and additional flow of 4,991.5 MW to the State had been ensured by commissioning of new power stations in Central and State sector and through medium and long-term power purchase agreements. This has helped increase State's daily average power supply from 200 million units in the year 2011 to 260 million units in the present year.

Tamil Nadu has already applied for one coal block and has sought allocation of one more coal block. Allocation of Mahanadi and Machchakata coal blocks in Odisha to TANGEDCO as sought by the State Government will help meet the ongoing and upcoming five thermal projects in Tamil Nadu. Also, the environmental clearance for the commissioning of TANGEDCO-NLC JV at Tuticorin 2x500 Mw is awaited.

I would, therefore, urge upon the Union Government to consider the urgency of matter for immediate favourable action.