

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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CROSS BORDER POWER TRADING
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Governments proposes to cross border electricity trading with neighbouring countries;
- (b) if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any plan to jointly set up a regional grid in South Asian region for electricity trading between member countries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. India has terms of co-operation for exchange of power with Nepal and Bhutan.

< India-Nepal

Exchange of power between India and Nepal is taking place from the bordering states of India i.e. Uttaranchal, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, at various points, at 132 kV, 33 kV and 11kV levels. These links are utilized for bilateral power exchange between India and Nepal for mutual benefit.

India-Bhutan

In terms of co-operation for exchange of power with Bhutan bulk of power generated at Hydro Electricity Projects at Chukha (4x84 MW) and Kurichu (4x15 MW) in Bhutan, which have been implemented with technical and financial assistance of India, comes to India through 220 kV Chukha-Birpara transmission lines (3 Ckts.) and 132 kv Kurichu-Gelaphu (Bhutan)-Bongaigaon/Salakati (India), S/C line. Tala Hydro Electricity Project (1020 MW) is being implemented with Indian technical and financial assistance and on its completion bulk of power from this project will also come to India for which 400 kV, 2xD/C lines from Tala HEP-Siliguri (West Bengal) are being completed along with the Generation Project.

(c) & (d) : The following developments took place in the field of Regional Co- operation in South Asian Region.

(i) A meeting of the experts from South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries to finalize the terms of Reference (TOR) of Study on Energy Trade was held on 26th July, 2005.

(ii) The first Bay of Bengal Initiative of Multi Sectoral Technical & Economic Co-operation (BIMSTEC) Ministers` Conference on Energy Co-operation was held on 4th October, 2005 in New Delhi where the plan of action for Energy Cooperation in BIMSTEC was formulated.