

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2476
ANSWERED ON:18.03.2005
POWER GRID CORPORATION
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has framed any scheme for proposed South Asian Grid;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total business done by Power Grid Corporation during the last three years in consultancy with foreign countries;
- (d) whether the PGC has secured overseas consultancy assignment from Bhutan;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the further initiative taken or being taken by Power Grid Corporation to get more foreign assignments in consultancy?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER(SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

- (a) & (b) : Bilateral Electric interconnections already exist with Bhutan and Nepal. Cross border transmission links emerge to cater to commercially viable electricity flows. Flows through the Indian electricity grid could also take place through displacement.
- (c) to (e): During the last three years, consultancy business has been done by Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL), mainly in Bhutan and Afghanistan. Details are given at Annexure.
- (f) : The following steps have been taken/are being taken by PGCIL to get more foreign consultancy assignments:

- PGCIL has started participating in International competitive bidding and has already submitted its technical and financial proposals to Power Utilities in Ethiopia, Nepal, Uzbekistan, Cambodia and Afghanistan. In order to further enhance its eligibility for selection, PGCIL is associating with other firms having International experience.
- PGCIL has already signed a draft agreement with Nepal Electricity Authority. - PGCIL has submitted its Expression of Interest for Consultancy assignment in some other countries, viz. Vietnam, Romania, Cambodia, Afghanistan, China, Bangladesh, against World Bank and ADB funded projects.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2476 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 18.03.2005.

Consultancy assignments in foreign countries during last three years by PGCIL During the last three years, PGCIL has secured following consultancy assignments in foreign countries:

1. Preparation of Feasibility Report, NIT Estimate, Technical Specifications and Bid documents for National Load Despatch Center in Bhutan.
 - Client: Tala Hydroelectric Power Authority, Bhutan
 - Consultancy Fee: Rs. 42.00 lacs
 - Date of Award: 24.12.2002
 - Status: Work Completed
2. Turnkey Execution of Laying of OPGW on existing Transmission Lines in Bhutan.
 - Client: Bhutan Telecom
 - Project Cost: Rs. 914.28 lacs
 - Consultancy Fee: Rs.109.71 lacs
 - Date of Award: 09.01.2003
 - Status: Work Completed
3. Turnkey Execution of Laying of OPGW on Transmission Lines from Tala Dam to Power House in Bhutan
 - Client: Tala Hydroelectric Power Authority, Bhutan

- Project Cost: Rs. 351 lacs
- Consultancy Fee: Rs. 42.12 lacs
- Date of Award: 25.06.2003
- Status: Work in Progress

4. Detailed survey and soil investigation for Construction of 220 KV D/C Transmission System from Phul-e Khumri to Kabul and 220/110 KV sub station at Kabul in Afghanistan

- Client: Min. of External Affairs, GOI
- Project Cost including Consultancy Fee: Rs. 490 lacs
- Date of Award: 18.09.2003
- Status: Work Completed

5. Technical Consultancy to Bhutan Power Corporation for construction of 220 KV Substation at Pasakha in Bhutan.

- Client: Bhutan Power Corporation Ltd.
- Consultancy Fee: Rs. 97 lac
- Date of Award: 24.12.2004
- Status: Work in Progress *****