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Title: Need to supply additional power from the Central Pool to Tamil Nadu and to ensure power supply from other States having surplus Power.

SHRI S. SEMMALAI (SALEM): Tamil Nadu is facing acute power crisis and efforts are being made by the State Government to find a permanent solution through setting up of Power Plants. This is a long term measure. As an interim arrangement, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has repeatedly urged the Centre to provide additional Power from the Central Pool and to ensure transmission of power supply from the State having surplus power. The main hurdle to get additional power is the corridor congestion. No efforts have so far been taken by the Power Ministry to ease the transmission lines and also to ensure power supply to Tamil Nadu. Under the federal set up, the Centre has an obligation to meet the needs of the States. Disruptions in industrial production and distress to farmers are the outcome of the power crisis and the Centre has to take responsibility on this count. The Centre has to take positive approach and come forward to rescue the State to ease the power position, to resolve the crisis. The Centre has to act instantaneously and supply the required power to bridge the demand and supply gap.