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MOU FOR PGCIL S PROJECT IN SRI LANKA .

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Will the Minister of COALPOWER be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the country`s largest electricity transmission utility the Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCIL) is likely to sign an MoU for developing `2500 crore project with Sri Lanka;
- (b) if so, whether the two countries propose to trade their surplus power with each other thereby offering an option to bridge their power generation deficit; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL)

(a) :A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed amongst Government of India, Government of Sri Lanka, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) and Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) on June 9, 2010 for carrying out feasibility study for interconnection of India and Sri Lanka Electricity Grids.

(b) & (c) :The potential of electricity trading through the proposed interconnection between Indian and Sri Lankan Grids would be known after the completion of the feasibility study.