

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3194
ANSWERED ON 28.03.2023

FIRST MEETING OF BIMSTEC

3194 # SHRI BRIJLAL:

Will the Minister of **POWER**
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has recently hosted the first meeting of the Governing Board of the BIMSTEC Energy Center (BEC) in Bengaluru and if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the said meeting;
- (b) the names of the participant countries in the said meeting, the details of the recommendations made in the meeting regarding the present energy scenario in the BIMSTEC region; and
- (c) whether any agreement was signed between Government of India and the BIMSTEC in the field of energy cooperation and if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) : Yes, Sir. India hosted the first meeting of the Governing Board of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Energy Center in Bengaluru on 27.02.2023. The outcome of the Meeting are as under:-

- i. Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power, has been nominated as the Member of Governing Board of the BIMSTEC Energy Center (BEC) from India.
- ii. Chairperson CEA, Ministry of Power, Govt. of India, has been appointed as the first Executive Director of the BIMSTEC Energy Center from India.
- iii. The draft of host country Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the BIMSTEC Secretariat was finalised and recommended to be put before the Seventh Meeting of BIMSTEC Permanent Working Committee for consideration.
- iv. The BIMSTEC Member States were apprised that the office premises of BEC will be housed in the premises of the Central Power Research Institute (CPRI), Bengaluru.

(b) : The delegations from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand, participated in the Meeting.

The present energy scenario was discussed by the delegates from the respective countries of the BIMSTEC region.

(c) : No specific agreement was signed between Government of India and the BIMSTEC in the field of energy cooperation in the first Meeting of the Governing Board of the BEC.
