GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF POWER

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.476 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2017

BIDS FOR POWER TRANSMISSION SECTOR

*476. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA: KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

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

(a) whether several Chinese companies are gearing up to participate in the bids invited by Union Government and State sector utilities for power transmission sector across the country;

(b) if so, the details of the bids invited by the Union Government and State sector power utilities during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(c) the grounds on which the Government and State sector power utilities have invited bids from foreign companies for power transmission sector;

(d) whether indigenous trade bodies/ manufacturers associations have raised concern over the entry of foreign companies in country's power transmission sector, particularly companies from China; and

(e) if so, the facts and details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.476 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 06.04.2017 REGARDING BIDS FOR POWER TRANSMISSION SECTOR.

(a): Yes, Madam. Chinese companies or its subsidiaries are participating in the bids invited by Bid Process Coordinators (BPCs) [RECTPCL and PFCCL] for development of various Inter State Transmission Schemes in the country.

(b): The details of bids invited for Inter State Transmission Schemes during the last three financial years and the current financial year, along with details of Chinese participation in the bids, are furnished at Annexure.

(c): The bidding conducted by BPCs are based on the "Tariff Based Competitive Bidding Guidelines for Transmission Service", "Guidelines for Encouraging Competition in Development of Transmission Projects" ("the Guidelines") and the Standard Bidding Documents notified by Ministry of Power, Government of India (GoI) for procurement of transmission services through tariff based competitive bidding process. REC Transmission Projects Ltd. (RECTPCL) and PFC Consulting Limited (PFCCL) have been appointed as the BPCs by the Government.

As per provision 9.2 of Tariff Based Competitive Bidding Guidelines for Transmission Service, the bidding shall necessarily be by way of International Competitive Bidding (ICB). Further, as per extant policy, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) up to 100% is permitted in the power sector. Accordingly, any foreign power company can participate in the international competitive bids and enter power sector through FDI route.

In view of the above provisions, bids are invited by BPCs through ICB route.

(d) & (e) : Yes, Madam, indigenous trade bodies/manufacturers associations have raised concern over the entry of foreign companies in country's power transmission sector, particularly companies from China.

A Committee has been constituted by Ministry of Power, Government of India to look at the issues raised.

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ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (b) OF THE STATEMENT LAID IN REPLY TO STARRED QUESTION NO. 476 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 06.04.2017 REGARDING BIDS FOR POWER TRANSMISSION SECTOR.

Financial Year	BPC	Name of the Transmission Project	Name of the participating Chinese company or its subsidiaries	Project awarded to Chinese Company?
2013-14	RECTPCL	Northern Region System Strengthening Scheme, NRSS-XXIX	Nil	NA
		Transmission System for Northern Region System Strengthening Scheme, NRSS- XXXI (Part-A)	Nil	NA
		Transmission System for Northern Region System Strengthening Scheme, NRSS- XXXI (Part-B)	Nil	NA
2014-15	PFCCL	ATS for Tanda Expansion TPS (2x660 MW)	Nil	NA
		System Strengthening for IPPs in Chhattisgarh and other generation projects in Western Region	Nil	NA
		Additional System Strengthening for Sipat STPS	Nil	NA
		Additional System Strengthening Scheme for Chhattisgarh IPPs - Part B	Nil	NA
	RECTPCL	Transmission System Strengthening associated with Vindhyachal-V	CLP India Pvt. Limited	NO
		Transmission System Associated with Gadarwara STPS (2 x 800 MW) of NTPC (Part-A)	CLP India Pvt. Limited	NO
		Transmission System Associated with Gadarwara STPS (2 x 800 MW) of NTPC (Part-B)	CLP India Pvt. Limited	NO
		Transmission System for Connectivity Lines for Maheshwaram (Hyderabad) 765/400 kV Pooling S/s	CLP India Pvt. Limited	NO
2015-16	PFCCL	Common Transmission system for Phase - II Generation Projects in Odisha and Immediate Evacuation System for OPGC (1320 MW) Project in Odisha	Nil	NA
		Additional inter- Regional AC link for import into Southern Region i.e Warora - Warangal and Chilakaluripeta Hyderabad- Kurnool 765 kV link	Nil	NA
		Creation of new 400kV GIS Substations in Gurugram and Palwal areas as a part of ISTS	Nil	NA
		North Eastern Region Strengthening Scheme (NERSS)-VI	Nil	NA
	RECTPCL	Transmission System for Strengthening of transmission system beyond Vemagiri	Nil	NA
		Transmission System Strengthening in Indian System for Transfer of Power from New HEPs in Bhutan	Nil	NA
		Transmission System for Immediate evacuation for North Karanpura (3x660MW) generation project of NTPC alongwith creation of 400/220 kV sub-station at Dhanbad – Proposal of JUSNL (ERSS-XIX)	Nil	NA
		Transmission System for "System Strengthening Scheme in Northern Region (NRSS-XXXVI) along with LILO of Sikar-Neemrana 400kV D/C line at Babai (RRVPNL)	Nil	NA
		Transmission System for NER System Strengthening Scheme-II (Part-B) and V	Nil	NA
		Transmission System Strengthening in WR associated with Khargone TPP (1320 MW)	Nil	NA
		Transmission system for Phase-I generation projects in Arunachal Pradesh	Nil	NA

2016-17	PFCCL	765 kV System Strengthening Scheme in Eastern Region (ERSS-XVIII)	Nil	NA
		Additional 400kV feed to Goa and Additional System for Power Evacuation from Generation Projects pooled at Raigarh (Tamnar) Pool	Nil	NA
		Connectivity and Long Term Access (LTA) to HPPCL 450 MW from Shongtong Karcham HEP	Nil	NA
		Transmission system for Ultra Mega Solar Park in Fatehgarh, distt. Jaisalmer Rajasthan.	CSGI (China Southern Power Grid International) in consortium with CLP India Pvt. Ltd.	Under Bidding
2016-17	RECTPCL	New WR-NR Inter regional Corridor	Consortium of CLP India Pvt. Ltd. and China Southern Power Grid International (HK) Co., Ltd	Under Bidding
		Eastern Region Strengthening Scheme – XXI (ERSS-XXI)	Consortium of CLP India Pvt. Ltd. and China Southern Power Grid International (HK) Co. Ltd	Under Bidding

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