

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1313
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2017**

POWER TRADE WITH SAARC NATIONS

1313. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

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

- (a) whether India plans to expand power trade with other SAARC nations;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;**
- (c) whether the Union Government has conducted any research on advantages and disadvantages of power trade with neighbouring countries; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

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

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b) : India's National Grid is connected to the Electricity Grid of Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar through various cross border transmission inter-connections.

India has signed the Memorandum of Understanding/Power Trade Agreement with Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar and Nepal. The SAARC Framework Agreement for Energy Cooperation (Electricity) has also been signed by all the SAARC countries including India.

(c) & (d): Government of India has not conducted any specific research, as such, on advantages and disadvantages of power trade with neighbouring countries. However, recognizing the importance of electricity in promoting economic growth and improving the quality of life in the region, the SAARC countries signed the SAARC Framework Agreement for Energy Cooperation (Electricity) for mutual benefit.

