GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF POWER

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.424 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2018

FOREIGN MARKETS FOR SURPLUS POWER GENERATION CAPACITY

424. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to explore foreign markets for country's surplus power generation capacity, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is eying countries like Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh for this purpose, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to conclude power supply contracts with these nations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI R. K. SINGH)

- (a): As on 30.06.2018, the installed generation capacity is about 344 Giga Watt (GW) which is more than sufficient to meet the peak demand of around 170 GW occurred during the current year 2018-19 (upto June, 2018). As the all India installed capacity of power plants in the country is more than the demand, there are possibilities of exporting power to neighbouring countries.
- (b) to (d): The cross border trade of Electricity between India and other countries is under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) / Power Trade Agreement signed between the two Governments. The Joint Steering Committee (JSC) / Joint Working Group (JWG) have been formed to coordinate such cross border trade of electricity.

Presently, India is exporting power to Bangladesh, Nepal and Myanmar. Details of export of power and plan to increase it are given below:

- India Bangladesh: India is currently supplying around 660 MW power to Bangladesh and it would increase by 840 MW after completion of additional transmission links.
- ii. India Nepal : India is currently supplying around 490 MW power to Nepal and it would further increase by 300 400 MW with the operation of 132 kV D/c Dhalkebar Muzzafarpur line at 400 kV.
- iii. India Myanmar : India is supplying about 2 3 MW of power from Manipur (India) to Myanmar through 11 kV transmission line from Moreh in Manipur (India) to Tomu town in Myanmar.
- iv. There is no cross border interconnection with Sri Lanka at present.
