

# **Haryana Power Generation Corporation Ltd.**

## **Press Note**

**Chandigarh/New Delhi June, 23.** Haryana is all set to double the capacity of the 600 MW Deen Bandhu Chhotu Ram Thermal Power Station (DCRTPS) at Yamunanagar by adding either two more Units of 250/300 MW or one 660 MW Unit based on latest supercritical technology. Speaking in the Power Ministers conference organized by the Union Ministry of Power, Haryana Power and Public Health Engineering Minister Mr. Randeep Singh Surjewala said that being an extension project most of the infrastructure facilities viz. Railway siding, raw water reservoir, land etc. can be shared in the existing premises of DCRTPS. The cost of setting up additional units by the Haryana Power Generation Corporation Ltd (HPGCL) will be around Rs. 2200 to Rs. 2600 Crore. He said that the expansion of DCRTPS Yamunanagar shall go a long way in minimizing the gap between demand and supply of power and in making Haryana ,self-reliant in power.

Addressing the Union Power Minister Mr Sushil Kumar Shinde, Mr Surjewala said that while in the five years after 2004-05, Haryana will increase its owned generation capacity by 2180 MW, the contribution of central sector generating stations to Haryana will increase by only about 220 MW in the same period. Mr. Surjewala said that since Haryana is helping the country in meeting the demand of agricultural produce by contributing significantly to the central foodgrain pool, an additional share in the Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPP), unallocated power and central sector projects needs to be given to Haryana.

He also requested for allocation of 7.5 mmscmd of natural gas for the establishment of a 1500 MW gas based generation plant in Faridabad. He said that the Government of India needs to amend its gas allocation policy so that Greenfield gas based generation projects like the one at Faridabad can come up in the country. He also requested the Government of India to expedite the decision about the establishment of the 2800 MW Nuclear Power Plant in District Fatehabad.

Speaking about the implementation of the Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Viyutikaran Yojna (RGGVY), he said that the schemes for all the 11 Districts under the UHBVNL and 7 Districts for DHBVNL have been sanctioned for Rs. 197.39 crore. He stated that

2.36 lakh BPL families in 6813 villages of the state stand to benefit from the scheme. The Haryana Power Minister demanded that the Government of India should amend the scheme so that in addition to providing free electrical connections to Below Poverty Line (BPL) households, the RGGVY covers Dhanis (hamlets) in villages also which have less than 100 inhabitants.

Throwing light on the power scenario in the State, the minister informed that power demand in the State is growing at the rate of almost 15 % per annum and generation capacity addition must keep pace with demand growth to mitigate the deficit of power. To meet with the rapidly growing demand Haryana has embarked on an ambitious path to create additional generation capacity by setting up / facilitating generating projects. Accordingly, the 600 MW Deen Bandhu Chhotu Ram Thermal Power Project, has been recently commissioned at Yamunanagar .The construction work of two Units of 600MW capacity each is in full swing at Rajiv Gandhi Thermal Power Plant, Khedar, Hisar and 76 % of the work has been completed. He assured that both the units of the RGTTP Khedar will be commissioned within the financial year 2009-10, with the commissioning of the first unit by December 2009.

He further informed that HPGCL is also coordinating the activities of 1500MW Project at Jhajjar which is being developed as a Joint Venture among NTPC, Government of Haryana and Government of Delhi. The Corporation is also coordinating and monitoring the execution of 1320 MW Coal based Thermal Power Plant at Jhajjar which is being developed by M/s CLP Power India Limited under Case-2 competitive bidding process.