

**Minister urges for early commissioning of Mettur Power Project**

TNEB had awarded EPC contract for construction of coal based 1 x 600 MW – Mettur Thermal Power Project – Stage III – to BGR Energy Systems Limited on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008 valuing Rs.3,100 Crores with a completion period of 39 months. As per contract, the Project will be commissioned in September 2011. The Boiler & Turbine-Generator (BTG) package for this Power Project will be supplied by DongFang Electric Corporation Limited, China (DEC). The Federal Government owned DEC is the China's largest BTG manufacturer with annual production capacity of 33,000 MW. The top-level team from DEC headed by its Chairman Mr Si Zefu visited Chennai on 17<sup>th</sup> November '08 for project discussions.

The Chinese delegation today called on the Hon'ble Electricity Minister Thiru Arcot N. Veerasamy. Chairman-TNEB and Energy Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu were present at the meeting. During the meeting, Electricity Minister took the opportunity to impress on the need for early completion and urged the Company for early supply of BTG so that the Mettur Power Project can be commissioned by January 2011 instead of September 2011, which is 8 months ahead of schedule. Mr Si Zefu, Chairman of DEC assured Hon'ble Minister that he would take the best efforts to realise Minister's request. The Hon'ble Minister assured BGR Energy and the Chinese delegation of the TNEB and Government's support for early commissioning of the Mettur Power Project.

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