

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
ON COOPERATION IN POWER SECTOR.**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the MoU) made on the 11th day of January, 2010 between the Government of the Republic of India (hereinafter referred to as GoI) on the First part and Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (hereinafter referred to as GoB) on the Second part. (GoI, GoB, are hereinafter individually referred to as the 'Party' and collectively as 'Parties')

Desiring to enhance traditional ties of friendship between the two countries through development of economic cooperation;

Realizing the ever increasing demand of electricity for the socio-economic development and progress;

Recognizing that the cooperation in the field of exchange of power power generation, grid connectivity, energy efficiency and development of renewable energy would mutually benefit both the countries;

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING

ARTICLE - I

The Memorandum of Understanding will act as a bridgehead for trading power between Bangladesh and India at a mutually agreed upon price and procedure. Both the countries agree to exchange power as and when it is possible and feasible.

The parties shall enhance their cooperation in the field of power including investments for mutual benefit. In furtherance thereof, the Parties shall encourage and facilitate joint cooperation in the following areas:

- (a) Cooperation in power generation, transmission, energy efficiency and development of various types of renewable energy ;

- (b) Consultancy services, training, research and development programmes for the development of human resources and enhancement of productivity and efficiency in the power sector.

ARTICLE – II

Connecting national grids:

- (a) Steps would be taken to establish grid connectivity between the countries.
- (b) Joint expert team will be set up to study the technical details of interconnection between the two countries and also modalities of its implementation and operation.

ARTICLE – III

The Parties shall encourage and facilitate investments in each other's country in the fields of power generation and transmission, including joint venture investments between the two countries subject to their extant policies & legislations.

ARTICLE – IV

The parties shall set up a Joint Working Group to promote and facilitate cooperation in the areas identified under MOU. A Joint Steering Committee co-chaired by the Power Secretaries of the two countries will be constituted to review the progress of the Joint Working Group. This Joint Working Group will meet at least twice a year at mutually agreed venue. The Joint Steering Committee will meet at least once in a year at mutually agreed venue.

ARTICLE – V

This Memorandum of Understanding shall not in any way affect the obligations of the Parties under existing bilateral agreements between the two countries.

Article - VI

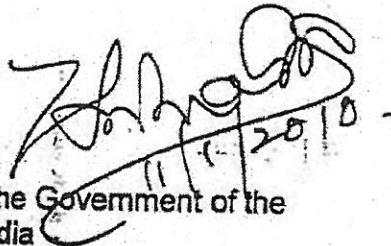
This MOU shall enter into force upon signature and shall remain in force for a period of five years, and shall be automatically renewed thereafter on a quinquennium basis unless either Party gives the other Party a written notice three months in advance of its intention to terminate this MOU.

Amendments to this MOU may be made anytime by mutual consent of the Parties.


Notwithstanding the termination of this MOU, the activities being undertaken shall not be affected and shall continue till their completion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized by the two Governments have signed this MOU

Signed on this 11th day of January, 2010 at New Delhi in two originals in English language.



On behalf of the Government of the
Republic of India



On behalf of the Government of the
People's Republic of Bangladesh