

India, Sri Lanka Discuss Deepening Cooperation in Power Sector

Shri Manohar Lal and Shri Anura Karunathilake review bilateral energy cooperation

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India and Sri Lanka today reviewed bilateral cooperation in the power sector at a meeting in New Delhi. The Indian delegation was led by Union Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs, Shri Manohar Lal, while the Sri Lankan delegation was led by Shri Anura Karunathilake, Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation and Minister of Energy of Sri Lanka.



The Ministers reviewed the progress of ongoing bilateral initiatives, including the proposed India–Sri Lanka HVDC interconnection and the Sampur Solar Power Project. They also discussed opportunities to deepen cooperation in cross-border electricity trade, renewable energy, transmission infrastructure, and capacity building, with a view to enhancing energy security and supporting the clean energy transition in the region. The Indian side also shared its experience in transmission system development through the Tariff-Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) framework as a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.



Both sides reviewed progress under existing bilateral mechanisms and reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthen cooperation in the power sector for sustainable development and regional energy security.

Shri Manohar Lal reiterated India's commitment to the long-standing India-Sri Lanka energy partnership. Hon. Anura Karunathilake appreciated India's continued support and conveyed Sri Lanka's commitment to further expand bilateral energy cooperation.

The meeting was attended by Shri Pankaj Agarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Power, and senior officials from the Government of India. The Sri Lankan delegation included H.E. Mahishini Colonne, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to India, and other senior officials.

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