

**Reply to: Calling Attention No. 02 – Tabled by Shri Ravi Naik, Honorable
MLA of Ponda Constituency.**

- 1. Fear and Anxiety in the minds of the people of Ponda Constituency due to frequent interruptions in the Power supply and voltage fluctuations resulting in damages to the Electrical Items particularly at Gathan, Khandepar, Khadpabandh, Tisk and Sadar Bazaar. The steps Government intends to take in the matter.**

Ans. It is not correct to say that there are frequent power interruptions in the areas of Gathan, Khandepar, Khadpabandh, Tisk and Sadar Bazaar in Ponda constituency and there are no complaints of frequent power fluctuations and damages to Electrical appliances by the Department.

However, the power lines in the Ponda taluka which were laid about 40 years back has out lived their service life and the Department has initiated replacement of these lines under R&I works in case of LT lines and through Underground cable in case of HT feeders. Accordingly, Administration Approval has been accorded for the project related to "Work of conversion of 11KV HT Electrical Network of Khadpabandh, Pona !, Bazaar and part of Durbhat, Farmagudi and Curti feeders by converting to Underground cable at the cost of Rs. 22.11 crores. The tender will be floated shortly.

The capacities of the following substations are being augmented by providing 6.3 / 10 MVA, 33/11KV Power transformers at the following locations:

- a. 10 MVA Transformer at Curti commissioned.
- b. 6.3 MVA Transformer at Curti under commissioning.

Both the above transformer will cater the loads of the Ponda City.

During monsoon there are interruptions due to falling of trees / branches during heavy rains and winds due to thick vegetation and hilly terrain in the Ponda taluka. There are also cases on insulator failures due to lightning. The Department field staff attend to these breakdowns in shortest possible time.