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**Press Release**

**Gearing up for the Commonwealth Games.....**

**Delhi Chief Minister lays the foundation stone for BSES' Rs 40 crore 'Akshardham' Grid**

- **Foundation stone for BSES' Rs 40 crore - 66/11 kV ' – 25 MVA 'Akshardham Grid' laid**
- **Confirming to stringent international criterion, Grid to have 2, 25 MVA transformers – 1 primary & 1 back up – to take care of any eventuality and contingency**
- **Special attention will be given to the Grid's landscaping and aesthetics – meshing it with the architecture of the surrounding Commonwealth Games Village Complex**
- **Cater exclusively to the power needs of the upcoming Commonwealth Games Village Complex**
- **Grid will be BSES' 121<sup>st</sup> – will be commissioned in a record time of 12 months**
- **Over 20 kms of cables to be laid for energizing the Grid and the Games Complex**
- **Will be SCADA compatible and remotely operated from the BSES' Central Control Room**
- **Olympian Gurbachan Singh Randhawa too was present on the occasion**

To successfully meet the challenge of providing uninterrupted electricity during the Commonwealth Games, BSES is continuously sprucing up and augmenting its distribution network. One of the major initiatives in this regard is BSES Yamuna Power Limited' (BYPL) plan to set up a 66/11 kV Grid Sub Station near the Akshardham temple.

The foundation stone for this state-of-the-art Akshardham Grid station was laid, in a simple but an impressive ceremony by Smt Sheila Dikshit, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi, today. Those present on the occasion included Dr A K Walia, Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Urban Development, Delhi, Shri Sandeep Dikshit, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Shri Rajendra Kumar, Power Secretary, GoNCTD, and senior Government and BSES officers.

Also present on the occasion and marking the countdown to the Commonwealth Games 2010 was Olympian Gurbachan Singh Randhawa. An ace athlete, Gurbachan Singh Randhawa, has represented India at numerous international arenas; including the Tokyo Olympics and is a recipient of both Arjuna and Padma Shri Awards.

Speaking at the ground breaking ceremony, Smt Sheila Dikshit said, "Commonwealth Games 2010 will catapult Delhi onto the world centre stage. Every country's eyes will be on us. This will also give us an opportunity to showcase our accomplishments and put our best foot forward. And an uninterrupted power supply will play a pivotal role in this"

"This state-of-the-art Grid – costing around Rs 40 crore– will exclusively cater to the electricity requirements of the upcoming Commonwealth Games Village Complex. Like all others in BSES' licensed area, this Grid too will be Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) compatible and remotely operated from the Central Control Room at Balaji Estate, Kalkaji, thereby leading to faster resolution of breakdowns and complaints", said Shri Lalit Jalan, Chairman, BSES. "Though the 66/11 kV Grid Sub Station is scheduled to be completed by March 2010, we are confident of gifting it to the Commonwealth Complex much ahead of schedule - by late 2009," Mr Jalan said.



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“Though the capacity of this Grid station will be 25 MVA, BSES conforming to the international benchmarks including the stringent N -1 criterion, plans to install two 25 MVA transformers. Of this one will be primary and the other one its back up”, said Shri Arun Kanchan, CEO, BSES. He added, “This is being done to take care of any unforeseen eventuality and contingency. Even if the primary transformer fails for some reason, the backup transformer will immediately take over and ensure continuance of uninterrupted power supply”.

“Moreover for constructing of this Grid and energizing of the Commonwealth Games Village Complex, BSES will be laying over 20 kms of cables”, added a BSES official.

Elaborating on the intricate nature of execution of this Grid, a BSES official said, “Besides deploying the state-of-the-art technologies in this Grid, BSES also plans to take care of the softer elements like aesthetics and landscaping. Since this Grid is within the Games Complex, utmost care is being taken to ensure that the landscaping and aesthetics of the Grid gel well with the architecture of the surrounding complex”

According to a BSES spokesperson, “Gearing up to play a role as a major stakeholder for ensuring the success of the Commonwealth Games 2010, BSES is readying to meet the challenges of providing uninterrupted and stable power supply. It has been continuously engaged in sprucing up and augmenting its infrastructure by deploying world class technologies like SCADA and Geographical Information Systems (GIS). These technologies are helping BSES streamlining its distribution network and aiding in faster identification-isolation-and restoration of faults”.

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