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**Rejoinder on the Article on TTPS dated 01.12.2020
in 'The New Indian Express'**

Bhubaneswar: 01/12/2020

A news on closure of TTPS in "The New Indian Express" on 01.12.2020 came to notice of GRIDCO. TTPS is 50 years old plant and life of the plant is going to be over by March 2021 as per CERC Order.

The State has made adequate arrangements for power procurement by signing of PPAs with Generators to the tune of about 6700MW of installed capacity. Present average power availability is 4394MW against State's demand of 3041MW. The State is selling surplus power, about 600-700 MW through power exchange after meeting the State's demand. Considering present trend of demand growth, the State shall continue with average power surplus for next 10 years. As such, the State is well secured and will not face any power scarcity if TTPS generation is stopped from 31.12.2020. There will be no inconvenience to the consumers of the State in such event.

It is learnt that TTPS has not yet complied with the applicable environmental pollution control norms, therefore TTPS may not run beyond 31.12.2020 unless the Central Pollution Control Board accords necessary approval / time extension. As per GRIDCO's long term demand and supply projection, the State will have surplus power up to FY 2029-30 even after considering phasing out TTPS-Talcher(460 MW).

The State Government has encouraged the NTPC to go for TTPS expansion.

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