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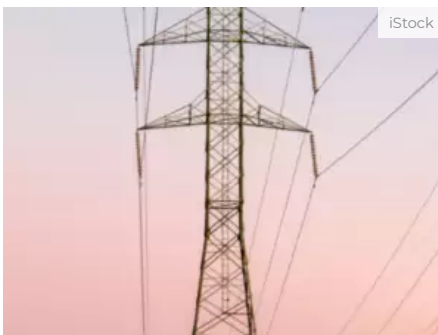
# Ministry proposes CTU transfer to Grid Controller of India

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## Synopsis

The power ministry has sent to proposal to the Cabinet, sources said. The move to transfer CTU to Grid Controller of India has been planned to avoid a conflict of interest while awarding power transmission projects, one person familiar with matter said.



The Grid Controller of India, also under the Ministry of Power, operates India's electricity grid through the National Load Despatch Centre and five regional load despatch centres.

The [power ministry](#) has proposed the transfer of ownership of the [Central Transmission Utility of India \(CTU\)](#), currently a subsidiary of [Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd](#), to the [Grid Controller of India](#).

A proposal for the plan has been sent to the Cabinet, two sources said.

The move has been planned to avoid a conflict of interest while awarding power transmission projects and to provide a level playing field to all the players bidding for such projects, one of the persons said.

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The Grid Controller of India, also under the Ministry of Power, operates India's electricity grid through the National Load Despatch Centre and five regional load despatch centres.

"While bidding for transmission lines, [Power Grid](#) also participates, and they control the CTU which has the information on the projects but not the other companies," the person said.

Power Grid and Grid Controller of India did not respond to e-mails sent by ET till the time of printing.

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