

Kandla, Mumbai, Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Mormugao, New Mangalore, Cochin, Tuticorin, Chennai, Visakhapatnam, Paradip, Haldia & Calcutta. The road linkages identified for development include stretches of National Highways as also State roads. As a first step in this direction, feasibility study and detailed engineering is to be carried out for which offers from Consultants for shortlisting have already been received.

(c) The work on various feasibility studies is expected to be awarded in the next 14 weeks. Further scheduling will be based on finding of the feasibility studies.

**Outstanding dues to be Recovered by NTPC from SEBs**

\*202. SHRI BHARTRAHARI MAHTAB : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of outstanding dues to be recovered by National Thermal Power Corporation from the State Electricity Boards or Grid Corporations, as on October 31, 1998 State-wise;

(b) the details of measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure realisation of outstanding dues from the SEBs or Grid Corporations;

(c) the reaction of the State Governments to the recovery measures by National Thermal Power Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARA-MANGALAM) : (a) The outstanding dues of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) as on 31.10.1998 stood at Rs.8883.70 crores. The details of the amount due State-wise as on 31.10.1998 are given in the enclosed Statement.

(b) The steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure realisation of outstanding dues inter-alia include:-

- (i) Periodical reviews of the recoveries position is done by the Ministry of Power. The outstanding issues are taken up at the highest level in the State Government.
- (ii) Decision of the Government of India approving direct appropriation from Central Plan Assistance to recover the outstanding dues of SEBs as on 31.12.1996 amounting to Rs.3751.45 crores. As per this decision, the deduction in one year for any State shall not exceed 15% of its Central Plan Assistance in that year.
- (iii) Enforcing the NTPC and the Government of India's covenant with the World Bank to maintain the receivables at a level below two months of billing.
- (iv) The Government in October, 1996 further decided that central utilities will supply power to State Electricity Boards only against advance payment and opening of irrevocable Letter of Credit (LC).
- (v) To facilitate opening of LC and advance payment, NTPC has introduced a Special Incentive Scheme in September, 1994 to provide incentive to States who establish LC to cover full amount of current monthly bills. By enhancing their LC to the required

level, SEBs would be in a position to avail 2.5% rebate on payments made in four equated weekly instalments and also obtain reimbursement of charges incurred for LC operation.

(c) All State Electricity Boards including those of defaulting States like Orissa, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi have enhanced/proposed to enhance their LC covering payment of current dues to NTPC in full.

**Statement**

*NTPC outstanding dues as on 31st October, 1998*

(Rupees in Crores)

STPS/SEB	Outstanding as on date	Surcharge billed	Total outstanding
Bihar SEB	892.10	491.17	1383.27
West Bengal SEB	550.89	178.22	729.11
Jammu & Kashmir	220.30	279.06	479.36
GRIDCO	444.04	68.74	512.78
Delhi Vidyut Board	1195.60	544.33	1739.93
Uttar Pradesh SEB	1164.82	620.79	1785.61
Damodar Valley Corporation	222.58	145.93	368.51
Assam SEB	29.33	1.08	30.41
Andhra Pradesh SEB	166.57	70.68	237.25
Himachal Pradesh SEB	5.08	9.10	14.18
Madhya Pradesh SEB	235.91	210.83	446.74
Gujarat EB	172.43	96.76	269.19
Karnataka EB	53.53	33.56	87.09
Maharashtra SEB	105.99	89.53	255.52
Pondicherry	8.33	0.85	9.18
Kerala SEB	28.55	22.49	51.04
Goa (WR)	8.68	1.59	10.27
Goa (SR)	3.51	0.54	4.05
Tamil Nadu EB	30.93	64.75	95.68
Haryana Vidyut Prasaran Nigam	21.12	228.19	249.31
Punjab SEB	17.92	7.67	25.59
Rajasthan SEB	17.50	56.15	73.65
Daman & Diu	0.92	0.95	1.87
Dadra & Nagar Havali	0.22	0.00	0.22
Union Territory of Chandigarh	0.43	0.00	0.43

**Abbreviations:**

STPS	: Super Thermal Power Station
SEBs	: State Electricity Boards
EB	: Electricity Board
GRIDCO	: Grid Corporation of Orissa Limited
WR	: Western Region
SR	: Southern Region.