

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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MEGA POWER PROJECTS ON IMPORTED COAL  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to set up mega power projects in the country based on imported coal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have decided to consider central organisation to co-ordinate with private power projects and State Electricity Boards for proper distribution of power generated in the power sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

( SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA )

identified as mega power projects to be developed under the revised mega power projects policy announced in November, 1998, are envisaged to use imported coal.

(b) : The details are as follows :-

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Fuel	State	Capacity MW
1.	Cuddalore TPP & Indigenous Coal	Blend of Imported	Tamil Nadu	1000
2.	Krishnapatnam TPP & Indigenous Coal	Blend of Imported	Andhra Pradesh	1500
3.	Pipavav TPP	Imported Coal/LNG	Gujarat	2000

The actual Fuel in respect of the Pipavav TPP will depend upon the offers submitted by the preferred bidder.

(c) & (d) : A Power Trading Corporation (PTC) has been incorporated on 16th April, 1999 as a public limited company under the Companies Act, 1956. The PTC would purchase power from the identified mega power projects in the private sector and sell it to the concerned State Electricity Boards (SEBs)/Utilities. Security to the PTC would be provided by means of a Letter of Credit and recourse to the State's share of Central Plan Allocations and other devolutions. In case found feasible, PTC can also supply power directly to a 'cluster' like licensees and industrial establishments. The Power Trading Corporation has been set up to facilitate distribution of power from identified mega projects as well as other large inter-State projects by mitigating the risk involved in dealing with several financially weak SEBs. PTC is, at present, structuring the Pipavav mega project (2000 MW) in Gujarat and Hirma mega project (6x660 MW) in Orissa.