

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PERFORMANCE OF NTPC IN REGARD TO CAPACITY ADDITION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the performance of NTPC in regard to capacity addition programmed during the Ninth Plan Period has been dismal and far from satisfactory;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto giving the reasons for poor performance; and
- (c) the measures taken to tone up the working of NTPC?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : The capacity addition target for National Thermal Power Corporation(NTPC) for the 9th Plan was 5300 MW. Against this, NTPC achieved a capacity addition of 2700 MW during 9th Plan.

(b) & (c) : The primary reason for shortfall in capacity addition was on account of slippage of second stage expansion by 650 MW each of NTPC's gas based combined cycle power projects at Anta, Auraiya, Kawas and Gandhar. NTPC have now resorted to International Competitive Bidding for sourcing of LNG/Natural Gas/regassified LNG for existing/expansion gas projects. The setting of gas based projects is subject to availability of LNG/natural gas at reasonable firm price/terms and commitment from beneficiaries to purchase of power from the station.

NTPC have a capacity addition programme of 9160 MW of coal based thermal projects during 10th Plan period. Progress of projects is closely monitored and their implementation is as per schedule.