

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:428
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BHARATIYA RAIL BIJLEE COMPANY
Mahtab Shri Bhartruhari

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Railways had any proposal to set up Bharatiya Rail Bijlee Company in joint venture with the National Thermal Power Corporation;
- (b) If so, the present status thereof; and
- (c) The equity of the Railways in the proposed company?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir. Railways are exploring the possibilities for setting up of Captive Power Plant in Joint Venture with National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) to get cheaper power for Railways for its traction purpose.(b): Cabinet Note in regard to setting up of proposed Joint Venture Power Plant with NTPC has been sent to Ministry of Power on 20.2.06 for further processing for taking approval from Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA). Ministry of Power has sent draft Cabinet Note to Ministry of Finance on 19.5.06 for comments.

(c): Equity of Railways will be 51% in proposed Joint Venture Company.