

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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COAL LINKAGE FOR POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (WBPDC) has sought Power Ministry's intervention for expediting the coal linkage for 250 MW Santaldih Expansion Project and coal linkage proposals for power projects at Katwa, Sagardighi and Bakreshwar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a & b) : Ministry of Power has not received any request for coal linkage for 250 MW Santaldih Expansion Project from West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (WBPDC). Long term coal linkage for power projects at Katwa, Sagardighi and Bakreshwar was considered by Ministry of Coal's Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) on 11.5.2006. However, the Committee did not grant long-term coal linkage for these projects, as coal blocks had already been allotted to WBPDC.

Central Electricity Authority (CEA) vide its letter dated 15th November, 2006 has requested WBPDC to identify end use projects of the allotted coal blocks and submit application for tapered coal linkages in case of any shortfall.