

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ALTERNATIVE FUEL FOR POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a need to put the power generation plants on alternative fuel to avoid the breakdown due to shortage of particular fuel as reported in the Hindu dated January 22, 2008;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (c) : National Electricity Policy provides that for thermal power, economics of generation and supply of electricity should be the basis for choice of fuel from among the options available.
To mitigate the shortage of power in Delhi, Govt. of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi has initiated action for procurement of liquid fuel for generation of power from one unit of Indraprastha Gas Thermal Power Station and for procurement of necessary spares for conversion of one more unit for generation with liquid fuel.

Regarding generation with liquid fuel a Pragti Power Station, Govt. of NCT of Delhi has informed that there are technical problems in operation of the unit with liquid fuel.