

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ULTRA MEGA POWER PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for the selection of sites for setting up of Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs) in the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to review the parameters for selection of sites for UMPPs to make it more realistic for private sector to bid for the projects; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) : Ministry of Power had launched an initiative to facilitate the development of Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs) of about 4000 MW capacity each at pithead locations and at coastal locations. Some of the main criteria adopted for selecting sites for the UMPPs at pit head locations are proximity to coal blocks availability of land and water, coal transportation logistics, accessibility of site by road and rail and preliminary environmental feasibility.

For UMPPs at coastal locations, in addition to the above criteria relating to land & environmental aspects, additional criteria are that the site should be away from the Coastal Regulation zone area and proximity as well as availability of ports facilities.

A CEA/PFC team, in consultation with the concerned State Governments, visits various alternate sites. The optimum site satisfying requisite technical requirements and also acceptable to the concerned State Government is finally selected as the site for setting up a UMPP.

(b) : No, Sir, there is no such proposal.

(c) : Does not arise in view of (b) above.