

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NON-OPERATIONALISATION OF COAL BLOCKS BY NTPC
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) is not able to operationalize the coal blocks allotted to it as of date:
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

(a) & (b): NTPC is taking all necessary steps in order to operationalise coal blocks allotted to it. Since allotment of the blocks, NTPC has taken all required timely actions for various block development activities / processes involving statutory approvals/ clearances from various organizations, site specific studies, etc. The development activities are going on simultaneously in these blocks in order to achieve commencement of coal production matching with commissioning targets of the linked end-use power projects.

Block wise progress in details is annexed.

Activities like environment / forestry clearance, land acquisitions, etc. are taking more time thus affecting setting up of infrastructure & start of production from these mines.

(c): Ministry of Power has been taking various issues brought forth by NTPC for time to time with various Ministries and State Governments. There is also periodical review by Ministry of Power about status of development of coal mines by various project developers, including NTPC.