

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2240  
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2010  
COAL LINKAGE FOR NTPC  
Ghatowar Shri Paban Singh

**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a): whether any recommendation from the Ministry of Power has been received for coal linkage for the NTPC's proposed 500 MW thermal power project at Lekhapani in Assam;
- (b): if so, the details thereof?
- (c): whether the Government of Assam has proposed Lekhapani Project be treated as a 'pit-head' project by giving coal linkage from the North-Eastern coalfield areas; and
- (d): if so, the final decision by the Union Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise in view of reply given in respect of part (a) of the question.

(c): On 23.11.2009, Assam Power Generation Corporation Limited (APGCL) made an application for authorization of Letter of Assurance and allocation of coal from Margherita coalfield of North Eastern Coalfields (NEC) for the proposed 2 x 250 MW power project at village Saliki, Lekhapani, Margherita, District Tinsukia, Assam.

(d): Certain clarifications have been sought on the status of the project developer from APGCL. On receipt of clarification, the application would be forwarded to Ministry of Power for comments/recommendation and subject to recommendation of Ministry of Power and other relevant factors, the application could be considered by the Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) for Power for authorization of Letter of Assurance (LOA).