

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FOREIGN PARTICIPATION IN ULTRA MEGA POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to permit foreign participation in the Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Power had launched an initiative for the development of coal based Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs), each of about 4000 MW capacity. Selection of the developers for these projects are being done through international competitive bidding, in which any company including foreign company can participate on its own or in association with Indian company(ies) as 100% FDI through automatic route in power sector is allowed subject to meeting the qualification requirements stipulated in bidding documents.