

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL AREAS BY NTPC

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

- (a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) spends funds for the development of rural areas near its plants;
- (b) if so, the details of the funds spent by the NTPC for the purpose during the last three years;
- (c) whether the NTPC has not spent the required amount for the purpose during the said period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) : NTPC spends funds for the development of the rural areas near its plants under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) – Community Development (CD) programmes. As a responsible corporate citizen, NTPC has adopted an integrated approach focusing on all aspects of basic social amenities and infrastructure so as to improve the living conditions of neighbourhood communities around its station. These include facilities like health, education, water, sanitation, road, community centre, etc.

NTPC also extends capacity building programme for enhancing and improving the employability of local community through vocational training. NTPC has developed and implemented specific policies in the areas of Community Development and Resettlement & Rehabilitation for the betterment of the living condition of the community in and around its stations.

The details of the funds allocated to its plants and their utilization in the last three years are given below:

Sl. Financial Allocation Amount Spent Unspent amount  
NO. Year (Rs in lac) (Rs in lac) (Rs in lac)

1 2007-08 924.88 678.67 246.21

2 2008-09 1024.00 838.91 185.09

3 2009-10 859.60 783.19# 76.41

#Un-Audited expenditure#

As informed by NTPC, non-utilization of allocated funds is mainly due to following reasons:-

- (i) Change of activities based on the need of the community.
- (ii) The same work is undertaken by other agencies or by State Government itself.
- (iii) Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) - Community Development (CD) activities are sometimes planned for taking up through state agencies and whenever state agencies decline to take up the activities, allocation against those activities remain unutilized.

(e) : In order to increase the utilization of allocated fund, NTPC has taken following steps:

# Planning of activities in consultation with State Govt. representatives/ local administration / local village representatives.

# Close monitoring, liaison and persuasion with the State agencies for execution of the activities planned to be implemented through them.

