

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJIV GANDHI COMBINED CYCLE POWER STATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the expansion of National Thermal Power Corporation's Rajiv Gandhi Combined Cycle Power Station in Kerala;
- (b) whether there has been any delay in the expansion of the project;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) : NTPC proposes to expand the existing Naphtha based Rajiv Gandhi Combined Cycle Power Plant (RGCCPP) of the capacity of 350 MW at Kayamkulam. The proposed expansion is of the capacity of 1050 MW (nominal) with Re-gassified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) as fuel. This is a 12th Plan project. Land and Water for the Project are available and Gas Sale Agreement (GSA) for supply of approximately 1.2 Million Tonne Per Annum (MTPA) of RLNG for a period of 20 years has been signed with M/s Petronet LNG's offtakers M/s GAIL, BPCL and IOCL on 03.12.09. Feasibility Report for the project has been prepared. Application to State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) has been submitted on 30.06.2010.

(b) & (c) : NTPC had earlier envisaged expansion of RGCCPP at Kayamkulam for benefits in XI Plan. NTPC adopted International Competitive Bidding (ICB) process for procurement of RLNG/LNG. However, implementation of the project could not make headway since no bids complete in all respect were received.

(d) : Gas Sale Agreement (GSA) was signed by NTPC on 03.12.09 with M/s Petronet LNG's offtakers M/s GAIL, BPCL and IOCL for supply of approximately 1.2 MTPA of RLNG for a period of 20 years. As per GSA, RLNG supplies are scheduled to start in the window of July 2014 to Jan 2016. A Side Letter has also been signed with GAIL / IOCL / BPCL for arranging Bridge RLNG on mutually agreed terms to meet the commissioning schedule of power plant till the time full contracted quantity (~ 1.2 MTPA) is available from Gorgon, Australia, as per GSA.