

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF POWER PLANTS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to set up power plants to meet country's as well as its own requirement of electricity for the dedicated freight corridor;
- (b) if so, the details of the plan prepared therefor;
- (c) whether the Railways have identified the site for setting up of power plants;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there is any proposal to electrify all rail routes;
- (f) if so, whether the Railways have assessed the total requirement of electricity;and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a)to(d): No, Madam there is no such proposal to set up power plants to meet requirements regarding Dedicated Freight Corridor. However, Indian Railways has formed a Joint Venture Company with NTPC Limited, namely Bhartiya Rail Bijlee Company Ltd. (BRBCL) for setting up of Thermal Power Plant of 1000 Mega Watt (MW) capacity at Nabinagar in Aurangabad District of Bihar to meet part requirement of Railways. Indian Railways is also planning for a Thermal Power Plant at Adra in Purulia District in West Bengal,in Public Private Partnership mode (PPP).

(e): No, Madam. Presently there is no proposal to electrify all rail routes, as electrification of Railways routes is decided based on the traffic volumes, operational necessity and financial viability.

(f)& (g): Do not arise.