

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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NTPC AGREEMENT WITH BANGLADESH POWER DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has granted permission to the National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) to commence transactions with Bangladesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any agreement/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the NTPC and Bangladesh Power Development Board for power generation and setting up of power plants in Bangladesh in joint venture; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the financial implications along with the cost sharing pattern of the same?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) : A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Energy Cooperation has been signed between the Government of India and the Government of Bangladesh on 11.01.2010. The MOU entails facilitation of investment including that in joint ventures in the field of generation and transmission of power in both the countries. The MOU also entails cooperation in the areas of consultancy services, training and development of human resources, enhancement of productivity and efficiency. In tandem with the provisions of MOU, a Joint Steering Committee (JSC) has been constituted with Secretaries of the Ministry/Department of Power of the two Governments as joint-heads to review the progress of implementation of MOU.

NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited (NVTN), a wholly owned subsidiary of NTPC Limited has been designated as the nodal agency for trading of power with Bangladesh.

Feasibility Study has been undertaken for setting up of coal based power projects, each of the capacity of 1320 MW, at Khulna and Chittagong in Bangladesh. The MOU has a provision of developing one of these two projects through a joint venture company which is to be set up by NTPC Limited and Bangladesh Power Development Board.