

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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POWER PLANTS

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

- (a) whether the Railways propose to set up various power plants viz. bio-diesel plants, solar power plants and wind power plants etc., across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof with locations;
- (c) the details of the estimated cost and power generation capacity thereof, plant-wise;and
- (d) the time by which these plants are likely to be set up?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Railways have not decided to set up bio-diesel power-plants. However, it has been decided to set up four Bio-diesel esterification plants for production of bio-diesel. Further, solar photovoltaic (PV) modules and wind mill power plants are generally provided based on the availability of adequate sunlight, required speed & density of wind, techno commercial considerations & availability of fund.
- (b) & (c): The first two Bio-diesel esterification plants are being set up at Raipur and Tondiarpet. The locations for the remaining two plants are under finalization. Further, the details of locations, capacity & estimated cost for the works related to solar PV modules & wind mill power plants sanctioned on Indian Railways are at Appendix.
- (d): Solar PV modules & wind mill power plants are likely to be operational within next two-three years time subject to availability of fund.