

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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NTPC CONSTRUCTION ON COAL BEARING LAND
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry has given permission to the National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) to construct building and super-structure at North Karanpura in Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor along with the estimated coal reserves of this coal bearing land;
- (c) whether his Ministry has conducted any cost-benefit analysis for allowing the NTPC to construct buildings on coal bearing land;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to shift the buildings to some other location; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) : No, Madam.

(b) to (f) : The project site location of North Karanpura Super Thermal Power Project (NKSTPP) at Tandwa (near Piparwar), Block, Chatra District of Jharkhand was finalized in July, 2003 after joint meeting between NTPC, Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited (CMPDIL) and Central Coalfields Limited (CCL). Based on the agreed location, NTPC took actions for development of the project. Later Ministry of Coal raised the matter of site location on the issue of coal bearing area as the project site, water reservoir and power corridor were blocking coal reserves. After several meetings between Ministry of Power, Ministry of Coal and Planning Commission the matter was referred to Group of Ministers (GoM) to resolve the issues. A committee was constituted by GOM under the chairmanship of Member (Energy), Planning Commission to look into the matter. The Committee recommended that NTPC can construct this power plant at the present site with safeguards. The GOM in the 7th Meeting held on 13.05.2012 decided to allow NTPC to set up the power plant at the identified location in North Karanpura. NTPC is awaiting the restoration of original coal linkage to North Karanpura Project. In the mean time Ministry of Coal has circulated a note for consideration of Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure (CCI) to direct Ministry of Power to relocate the proposed plant at an alternative non coal bearing area.