

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CHANGE IN LOCATION OF POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited (GMDC) has requested the Ministry of Coal to change the location of power project based on the Naini, Orissa coal blocks allocated to them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons cited behind the GMDC's request;
- (c) the response of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a)to(c): On 25th July, 2007, M/s Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation (GMDC) was jointly allocated Naini coal block with geological reserves of 500 million tonnes (GMDC share – 250 million tones) of coal located in the State of Odisha for generation of power for the proposed 1500 MW power plant to be set up at Angul in Odisha or near Dumka in Jharkhand. A request from Government of Gujarat has been received for setting up of power projects by power developers in Gujarat or at mining location in Odisha to whom M/s GMDC has agreed to supply coal from the allocated Naini coal block. Comments have been received from Ministry of Power. The comments from the Government of Odisha are awaited