

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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NTPC PROJECT IN ODISHA
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the setting up of 1600 MW mega power project of National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) at Darlipali in Odisha is being delayed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the work on the coal mines dedicated to the plant has also been halted;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to expedite the project?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for NTPC's 1600 MW supercritical Bulk Tender Project at Darlipali was issued on 04.02.2011 and the award recommendation was approved by NTPC Board on 29.11.2011. However, the Investment Approval for the project is delayed due to non availability of land and forest clearance from the State Government of Odisha.
- (c) & (d) The work on the Dulanga coal mines [linked to Darlipali Super Thermal Power Project (STPP)] is held up on account of non finalization of land rates for land acquisition and processing of forest clearance of the mine by the State Government of Odisha.
- (e) The matter is being constantly followed up by NTPC and Ministry of Power with State Government at various levels through regular meetings and communications.