

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ALLOCATION OF COAL BLOCKS TO NTPC
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the coal blocks allotted to the National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) were cancelled on the grounds of delay in starting mining operations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for failure of NTPC to start mining operations from each of such coal blocks;
- (c) the extent to which power generation from NTPC plants has been affected due to delay in production of coal from such coal blocks;
- (d) whether the NTPC has taken steps to regain such coal blocks; and
- (e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Ministry of Coal on 14.06.2011 had de-allocated three coal blocks Chatti-Bariatu, Kerandari & Chatti-Bariatu (South) of NTPC. Commencement of coal mining operation is linked with availability of environment and forest clearances, land acquisition, etc. Delay in these activities along with adverse law and order situation in the State of Jharkhand had affected the development schedule of these three coal blocks.

(c) : Power generation from NTPC's power plants has not been affected as no unit under operation was earmarked coal from these blocks.

(d) & (e) :All three coal blocks above have been restored to NTPC on 23.01.2013 by Ministry of Coal.