

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF ULTRA SUPER CRITICAL THERMAL PLANTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up ultra-super critical thermal power plants in place of 25 year old power plants for increasing power generation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total number of old power plants in the country along with plants located in Madhya Pradesh which will be linked with this scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, COAL AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b) : To promote setting up of supercritical thermal power plants in place of old power plants, the Government of India has approved the following policy:

‘Letter of Assurance (LoA)/ linkage granted to the old plant is automatically transferred to the new plant of nearest supercritical capacity. If the capacity of the new supercritical plant is higher than the old plant, additional coal may be accorded priority subject to the availability of coal on the best effort basis from CIL.

At least 50% of capacity of new supercritical plant has to be retired. Old plants can be clubbed together to achieve this minimum benchmark of 50% of proposed-supercritical capacity. This policy is applicable to pre- New Coal Distribution Policy in public sector only, which have already been granted long term Linkages(LoAs). Automatic transfer of LoA as explained above is permissible only when the new plant is set up within the State in which the old plant was located and the old plant is actually scrapped. The old plant continues to operate till the CoD of new plant`.

(c) : The Ministry of Power vide letter dated 7.10.2014 has advised all States/Union Territory, including Madhya Pradesh to advise state power utilities and generating stations in their States/UTs to make use of the aforesaid decision of the Government. So far, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat have decided to phase out old units and set up supercritical units in their place.