

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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CAPACITY ADDITION OF BIDADI GAS POWER STATION IN KARNATAKA

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government of Karnataka has moved to upgrade the Bidadi gas power station as mega project with a 1400 MW capacity;
- (b) if so, whether after completion of this project, the Karnataka Government are likely to be able to sell the power to the centrally owned Power Trading Corporation Limited;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which this project is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) : Government of Karnataka have informed that sale of power to the Power Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (PTC) is one of the options being examined by them towards fulfillment of the criteria for mega project status. The possibility of sale of power from the project to PTC would, however, depend, inter-alia, on the quantum of power that the State of Karnataka would be able to absorb, the surplus available for sale through PTC, competitiveness of the tariff and ability of other buyer States to provide suitable payment security mechanism.

(d) : Government of Karnataka have informed that completion of the project is likely by 31st January, 2007.