

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF UNCHAHAR AND RIHAND THERMAL POWER PLANTS  
BALIRAM

**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have a proposal for the expansion of the Unchahar & Rihand Thermal Power Plants in Uttar Pradesh during the Tenth Plan;
- (b) if so, the details of the expansion plan drawn up;
- (c) the amount proposed to be spent on the expansion of above plants; and
- (d) the additional power to be generated after expansion?

**Answer**

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

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) : NTPC is presently implementing Stage-II (2x500 MW) expansion of its existing 1000 MW Rihand Thermal Power Plant in Sonbhadra District, Uttar Pradesh with an approved cost of Rs.3451.97 crores (3rd Quarter 1998 price level). Unit-I and Unit-II of the project are scheduled to be commissioned by August 2005 and May, 2006 respectively. Various activities of the project are progressing as per schedule.

NTPC also proposes to expand its existing Feroze Gandhi Unchahar Thermal Power Plant (840 MW) in Raibareli District of Uttar Pradesh by adding 210 MW capacity in Stage-III at an estimated cost of Rs.962.24 crores (1st Quarter 2003 price level). The project is planned for commissioning in X Plan period.