

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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RETRENCHMENT IN CENTRAL SECTOR THERMAL POWER PLANTS

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been large scale retrenchment in some central sector thermal power plants and particularly the IB thermal power plant in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the alternative steps being taken to provide them employment?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : There has been no retrenchment in Central Sector Thermal Plants in Orissa. There has also been no retrenchment of workers in the regular employment at IB Thermal Power Station of Orissa Power Generation Corporation Ltd. (OPGC). However, work in some areas of operation and maintenance of the power plant at IB Thermal Power Station were being carried out through contractors who had deployed their workers for the same. On expiry of the terms of the said contractors on 31.7.2002, OPGC deployed its own employees, in regular cadre in those areas of operation and maintenance. OPGC having the right to carry out the operation and maintenance through redeployment of its own work force has no role to play in the alleged retrenchment of the workers by the contractors.