

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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DIVERSIFICATION PROGRAMME OF NTPC FOR COAL MINING AND COAL WASHERIES

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether NTPC is considering to enter into Coal Mining and Coal Washeries as per its diversification programme;
- (b) if so, whether NTPC has already forwarded proposal to the Ministry of Coal for granting stake in captive coal mining in Talcher region;
- (c) if so, the details and action taken by the Ministry (Coal);
- (d) whether the Ministry of Power has also sought comments from various ministries for public offering of 5% in NTPC;
- (e) if so, whether comments have been received; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and action taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : Yes, Sir.

(c) : The proposal will be considered by the Ministry of Coal based on the recommendation of the screening committee constituted by that Ministry for the purpose.

(d) : Comments are being obtained from various concerned Ministries/offices for the proposal on public offering in National Thermal Power Corporation.

(e) & (f) : After receiving comments from all concerned, the issues will be considered by the appropriate authority.