

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2565  
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SETTING UP OF POWER PLANTS BY RAILWAYS  
BASUDEB ACHARIA

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

- (a) whether Railway is creating Rail Bijlee Company to generate electricity;
- (b) whether Railway is considering setting up thermal power plants in a joint venture with NTPC;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (d) the amount likely to be expended thereon, plant-wise; and
- (e) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

(c): Project Committee set up for identifying suitable site(s) for setting up of Captive Power Plant in Joint Venture with National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has recommended Nabinagar (Bihar) as suitable site for setting up of 1000 MW (4 units of 250 MW each) Power Plant. For this purpose, it is proposed to form "Bhartiya Rail Bijlee Company" in Joint Venture with NTPC.

(d): Rs. 4374 crore (app).

(e): Plant will be commissioned in 4-5 years from the date of Government approval.