

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:246

ANSWERED ON:09.12.2005

NTPC

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is planning to foray into other business including gas, petroleum and coal mining sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether NTPC is participating in international global tenders for construction of power plants in joint venture; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the names of countries with which NTPC is actively negotiating for participating in bids?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 246 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 09.12.2005 REGARDING NTPC.

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), apart from its large thermal capacity addition programme, plans to diversify into the following sectors:

(i) Hydro Power: NTPC has envisaged to set up the following projects:

(1) Koldam Hydroelectric Project (800 MW), Himachal Pradesh;

(2) Loharinag Pala HEP (600 MW), Uttaranchal;

(3) Tapovan-Vishnugad HEP (520 MW), Uttaranchal;

(4) Rupsiabagar-Khasiyabara HEP (260 MW), Uttaranchal;

(5) Rammam Stage-III HEP (90 MW), West Bengal; and

(6) Lata-Tapovan HEP (160 MW), Uttaranchal.

(ii) Coal Mining: NTPC has decided to diversify into coal mining. It has been allocated Pakri-Barwadi Coal Mining Block in North Karanpura, Jharkhand. It has also decided to set up integrated mining-cum-power projects in Orissa and Chhattisgarh.

(iii) LNG/Gas Value Chain: NTPC is exploring the possibilities of its presence in LNG/Gas value chain apart from tying up gas supplies based on international competitive bidding

(iv) Exploration of Oil and Gas: NTPC has forayed in acquiring exploration rights. It has participated in bidding for gas and oil block offered under New Exploration & Licensing Policy – V by Government of India. NTPC, as a lead member in Consortium with Geopetrol and Canoro has successfully bagged the award of Land Block named AA-ONN-2003/2 in Arunachal Pradesh.

(v) Distribution : NTPC has set up a wholly owned subsidiary, the NTPC Electric Supply Company Limited (NESCL), for entry into distribution business.

(vi) Trading: NTPC has set up a wholly owned subsidiary NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Ltd. (NVVN) for power trading to leverage the opportunities provided by the Electricity Act 2003.

(vii) Thrust for Services Business: NTPC has already made inroads into the business of providing services in the area of Engineering, procurement, construction supervision, O&M etc., through its Consultancy wing.

(viii) NTPC - SAIL Power Company Private Ltd. (NSPCL) : NSPCL (NTPC-SAIL Power Company (Private) Limited – 50:50 Joint Venture of NTPC and SAIL) is operating and maintaining the Captive Power Plants (CPP-II) of Durgapur and Rourkela Steel Plants (120 MW each).

(ix) Bhilai Electric Supply Company Ltd. (BESCL) : BESCL (Bhilai Electricity Supply Company Limited - another 50:50 Joint Venture company of NTPC and SAIL) is operating and maintaining the CPP-II (74 MW) of Bhilai Steel Plant. The JV company is also executing Bhilai expansion project of 2x250 MW.

(x) Joint Venture for R&M: NTPC formed a JV Company with ALSTOM Power Generation AG under the name NTPC Alstom Power Services Limited (NASL) for taking up Renovation & Modernization (R&M) assignments of power plants in India and abroad. NTPC holds 50% equity in NASL.

(xi) Joint Venture for Construction / Erection : Utility Powertech Limited (UPL) is a 50:50 Joint Venture Company of NTPC and Reliance Energy that has been taking up assignments of construction, erection and project management in power and other sectors.

(xii) Power Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (PTC) : Power Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (PTC) has been formed to trade in electric power in an optimum manner. Shareholding pattern of the company is Powergrid - 8%, NTPC - 8%, PFC - 8%, NHPC - 8%, FIs and Public at large - 68%.

(c) : NTPC, so far, has not participated in any international global tenders for construction of power plant in joint venture.

(d) : Does not arise in view of (c) above.