

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF GAS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether top officials of NTPC have visited various West Asian countries to negotiate the procurement of gas for its power plants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether during Eleventh Plan period, Indian power firms aim to add 1,00,000 MW power generation capacity by 2012; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) delegation visited Oman during February, 2005 to explore the possibility of participation in the LNG value chain. During the visit, it was informed by the Oman Oil Company (Government owned) that NTPC's participation in the existing venture is not possible as there is no spare gas available.

(c) & (d) : Keeping in view the huge power generation capacity requirement, Government of India has proposed 100,000 MW environment friendly thermal initiative. The details are as follows:

- 49 Thermal Projects with aggregate capacity of over 100,000 MW have been included. Out of this, 36 project sites totaling 75,000 MW have been envisaged.
- 13 pit head Coal based plants totaling 36,000 MW have been envisaged and another 10 sites totaling 23,000 MW are finalized.
- 13 Coal/Gas based coastal sites totaling 27,000 MW have been envisaged. Another 3 sites totaling 6,000 MW have been identified.
- Three (3) Gas based projects totaling 7000 MW have been envisaged.
- 7 Lignite projects totaling 5,000 MW have been identified.