

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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SETTING UP OF POWER PROJECTS ABROAD BY NTPC
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has taken initiative to set up power projects in Sri Lanka and Nigeria;
- (b) if so, the details of such projects;
- (c) whether the NTPC has started extending technical cooperation to other countries; and
- (d) if so, the details of such countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : NTPC is having preliminary discussions with Government of Sri Lanka for setting up of 2x250 MW power project in Trincomalee region in Sri Lanka in Joint Venture with Ceylon Electricity Board. A draft MOU in this regard has been sent to Government of Sri Lanka.

Further based on the discussion with Nigerian Government delegation during their visit to India in September, 2005, NTPC with a view to get share in Gas/LNG from Nigeria for import to India for its power stations is having exploratory discussions for setting up a coal based integrated plant with Coal Mining which is a criterion by Nigerian Government to have a share in their gas fields.

(c) & (d) : Yes, Sir. NTPC has been giving technical cooperation including training to other countries through Consultancy services. NTPC has recently given technical services to following countries:

- Bahrain – one year comprehensive training to Power Engineers of Aluminum Bahrain in NTPC Gas Power Stations in India.
- Oman – Training to technical personnel of Oman Refinery Company.
- Nigeria – Deputation of two shift charge engineers in a Gas based power station for a period of three months, to assist in Operation and Maintenance of the plant.