

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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POWER PLANT IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister during his recent visit to Assam in January 2006, laid the foundation of a Rs.3,000 crore coal based NTPC power plant at Salakati in Kokrajhar district of Lower Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including its implementation schedule; and
- (c) the extent to which the power deficit in Assam will be met thereby?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : Hon`ble Prime Minister of India had laid Foundation Stone of Bongaigaon Thermal Power Project (2x250 MW) on 16.01.2006. The project is to be set up by NTPC at Salakati in Kokrajhar district of Assam based on Assam coal at the existing location of Assam State Electricity Board`s (ASEB) Bongaigaon Thermal Power Station which had been shut down for quite sometime. The proposed project is planned with a view to augment power supply in Assam and States/UTs of North-Eastern and other Regions. The tentative cost estimate, based on 4th Quarter, 2005 price level is estimated at Rs.2997.37 crores. Benefits from the projects are envisaged in XI Plan.

(c) : Assam State Electricity Board has indicated requirement of 300 MW power from the proposed Bongaigaon Thermal Power Plant (2x250 MW).