

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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USE OF NAPHTHA IN RATNAGIR POWER PLANT  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to use Naphtha in Ratnagiri Power Plant for generation of electricity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the operational cost of production of electricity generated through Naphtha; and
- (c) the extent to which the demand of power will be met thereafter?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE )

(a) : Out of the three power blocks of the Ratanagiri power plant, one power block which is scheduled to be commissioned by July, 2006, could be got ready to commence generation of electricity by May, 2006 itself if so desired by Maharashtra. However, since the commissioning of the LNG terminal is likely to be operational only by December, 2006, in the interim period, Naphtha could be used as fuel.

(b) & (c): Since Maharashtra is facing acute power shortages particularly during peak hours, and RGPPL currently already has a stock of 34000 KL of Naphtha, the stocks of naphtha available could be suitably augmented through fresh purchases of naphtha to the extent that the pooled price is acceptable to Maharashtra. The cost of generation would depend upon the quantity of fresh naphtha to be procured to augment the existing stock which in turn would depend upon the quantum of power required by Maharashtra.