

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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POWER TRANSMISSION LINKS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has been considering for setting up 14 power transmission links in the country on the lines of Ultra Mega Power Projects;
- (b) if so, the details along with the areas identified for the purpose and the total estimated investment therein; and
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : Yes, Sir. 14 new transmission projects are planned to be developed through competitive bidding.

(b) : Government of India has issued guidelines for encouraging competition in development of transmission projects and guidelines for tariff based competitive bidding for transmission services. An Empowered Committee, constituted as per the provisions of these guidelines has identified 14 transmission projects for competitive bidding. The list of these 14 projects, which have been identified by the Government is at Annexure. As these projects would be taken up through tariff based competitive bidding, investment would depend on construction and procurement procedures adopted by actual developers.

(c) : Four of these 14 projects are in the pipeline. The following two projects have been taken up through the Special Purpose Vehicle of the Power Finance Corporation:

1. Evacuation System for Maithon RB (1000 MW), Koderma (1000 MW) and Bokaro ext. (500 MW).
2. Scheme for enabling import of NER/ER surplus by NR.

The following two projects have been taken up through the Special Purpose Vehicle of the Rural Electrification Corporation:

1. Evacuation System for North Karanpura (1980 MW).
2. Talcher Augmentation System.

Expressions of interest for these four projects were invited in January, 2007.