

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

- (a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has any proposal to set up power plants in Sri Lanka and other neighbouring countries;
- (b) if so, the details and the estimated cost of the projects; and
- (c) the time by which the proposed power plants are expected to commence its operations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (c) : NTPC Ltd. proposes to set up a coal based power plant in Trincomalee area in Sri Lanka, and has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Government of Sri Lanka and Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) on 29.12.2006 to set up a 2x250 MW power plant through a Joint Venture (JV) Company with CEB on 50:50 basis. However, NTPC Ltd. does not have any proposal to set up power plant in other neighbouring countries at present.

Subsequent to signing of MOA a team from NTPC Ltd. visited Sri Lanka in January, 2007 to identify a suitable site along with CEB for the project. On finalization of the project site, further action in respect of formulation of Project Feasibility Report is envisaged to be taken after which estimated cost would be known.

Subject to establishment of feasibility and timely clearances, units are envisaged to commence operation by 2011-12.