

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJIV GANDHI COMBINED CYCLE POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the project works of Rajiv Gandhi Combined Cycle Power Project, Kerala has been started;
- (b) if so, the financial allocation made for the current year ;
- (c) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Kayamkulam Power Project is presently generating power; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a)&(b) : Rajiv Gandhi Combined Cycle Power Project (RGCCPP) Stage-I of NTPC Ltd. is presently under operation. NTPC Ltd. proposes to expand its existing naphtha-fired RGCCPP at Kayamkulam by adding 1950 MW capacity in Stage-II based on LNG/Natural Gas as fuel.

The Feasibility Report (FR) for 1950 MW Stage-II expansion was prepared in February 2003 with an estimated cost of Rs.7584.51 Crores (Basis-III Qtr.2002 & Non-Mega), considering Re-gassified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG)/Natural Gas (NG) as fuel to be sourced through International Competitive Bidding (ICB) route. However, no complete bids were received when NTPC Ltd. followed ICB process for procurement of RLNG / NG. Subsequently, it was decided that out of the 2.5 Million Tonnes per annum (MTPA) Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) being tied up by M/s Petronet LNG Ltd. (PLL) at its proposed Kochi terminal, 2.1 MTPA will be sold to NTPC Ltd. for RGCCPP (Stage-I & Stage-II) at Kayamkulam.

Land is already available for the project. In-principle availability of water from State Government, Aviation clearance from Air Port Authority of India and No Objection Certificate from State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) are available.

No financial allocation has been kept for RGCCPP Stage-II for 2006-07; however an allocation of Rs. 1 Crore has been made for RGCCPP Stage-I.

(c) & (d) : RGCCPP Stage-I has generated 918 MUs from April, 2006 to February, 2007.