

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1308

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POWER PLANT IN COLLABORATION WITH NTPC

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways purchase electricity from the State Electricity Boards as of now;
- (b) if so, the average annual requirement of electricity of the Railways;
- (c) the charges of electricity for operation of trains per unit and the charges for other than train operations;
- (d) whether the Railways had earlier decided to set up a captive power plant in collaboration with NTPC with a view to get power at cheaper rates; and
- (e) if so, the details in this regard and the present status in regard to the setting up of this plant?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a):Yes, Sir.
- (b): The average annual consumption of electricity for Railways for the year 2005-06 was 12,700 Million Units (approximately).
- (c): The average cost of electricity for operation of trains (traction) for the year 2005-06 was 422 paisa per unit and the average cost of electricity for other than train operations was 424 paisa per unit.
- (d) & (e): Yes, Sir. Railways are establishing a captive power plant of 1000 Mega Watt (MW) capacity at Nabinagar (Bihar) in joint venture with NTPC Limited. This has been included in Railway Budget for the year 2007-08, tabled in the Parliament.