

Statement-II***Applications rejected, including reasons for rejection by National Mission on Bamboo******Applications***

Sl.No.	Applicant/Programme Title	Reasons
1.	Locational trials of different species of bamboo to develop & recommend standardized Plantation technology for culm, shoot & culm plus shoot production (Amity School of Natural Resources, NOIDA)	The work proposed is already being carried out under a programme of multi-locational trials coordinated by GB Pant University, Pantnagar

Mauda Thermal Power Plant in Nagpur

*275. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps that have been taken and progress so far been made for implementation of the 1000 MW coal-based Mauda Thermal Power Plant in Nagpur;

(b) the expenditure so far incurred thereon and by when the same is likely to be completed; and

(c) whether any specific difficulties are being faced presently in this project?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE):

(a) to (c) In the course of identification of power projects for NTPC's capacity addition programme, a site near Mauda was identified as one of the prospective sites in Nagpur district of Maharashtra. The works for various site-specific studies such as Topographical Survey, Geo-Technical Investigation, Seismic Study, Environmental Impact Assessment Study and Make-up Water Study etc., for the project were taken up by NTPC to examine the Techno-economic viability of the project. So far, approximately Rs. 25 lakhs have been spent by NTPC in order to prepare the Feasibility Report and establish techno-economic viability of the project.

The site was identified considering its proximity to Coal Mines of Western Coalfields Ltd. about 150 kms away. However, the mines identified for supply of coal to the project in Wardha Valley Coal Fields were found to be of very small capacities and scattered over a large area. Therefore, linkage of coal for the project was granted from Ib Valley of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL) in Orissa, located about 600 Kms away. Consequently, the cost of coal transportation works out to be about Rs. 585 per tonne, resulting increase of the cost of power by about 45 Paise/Kwh. Thus, economic ranking of Mauda Thermal Power Project did not compare favourably with NTPC's proposed pit-head based integrated Mega power project in Raigarh district of Chhattisgarh with a capacity of 4000 MW of meeting the power requirement of the Western Region beneficiaries including Maharashtra.

However, due to acute shortage of power in Western Region in general and Maharashtra in particular, the Ministry of Power held detailed discussions with NTPC and it has been decided that NTPC would revisit the issue. The Ministry of Power shall take up with Ministry of Coal to provide coal linkage from Western Coal Fields or from the nearest coal mines. NTPC would also examine the feasibility of setting up of Mauda Power Project using coal from Ib valley and discuss with the beneficiary states, which would be willing to buy power at the rate at which this project will be able to offer.

Increasing population in urban areas

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Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view the increasing population in the urban areas due to exodus from rural areas, there is a need to develop each and every city having population more than 10 lakhs under the Master Plan;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the names of the cities having a population of more than

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.