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**PRESS NOTE****NLC GETS COAL BLOCKS FOR ITS SIRKALI POWER PROJECT**

The Union Ministry of Coal has allocated 2 coal Blocks to NLC for implementing its Power projects and at Sirkali in Tamil Nadu and Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd Ghatampur in Uttar Pradesh.

NLC is planning to set up a 4000 MW coal based Power plant near Thirumullaivasal village of Sirkali Taulk , Nagapattinam District in two phases. In the first stage, NLC has proposed to set up a 1980 MW Power project at an estimated cost of Rs.10395 Crore. Action has been initiated to acquire the required land through Govt. of Tamil Nadu and for obtaining clearances from various statutory authorities.

Similarly NLC is setting up a 1980 MW(3 X 660 MW) Coal based Thermal Power project at Ghatampur in Kanpur Nagar District of Uttar Pradesh at an estimated cost of Rs14375.4 Crore. This is Joint venture Project, Neyveli Uttarpradesh Power Project Limited (NUPPL) involving Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidut Uthpadan Nigam Limited and NLC. To arrange fuel resources for these two projects, NLC approached the Union Coal Ministry for exclusive allocation of Coal Blocks.

Based on the recommendation of the Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC), the Union Ministry of Coal has allocated Jigla-Barpallii Coal Block at Korba and Raigarh Districts of Chhattisgarh for the Sirkali Project. This block is having a coal reserve of 396 MT spread over an area of 26 Sq.Kms.



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For the Ghatampur Project, the Ministry has allotted Pachwara- South Block at Rajmahal Coal Filed in the Dumka District of Jharkand. This Block has a coal reserve of 279 MT over an area of 6.5 Sq.Kms.

In response to 318 applications received from different Companies, 128 applications were eligible for 14coal blocks of Power (PSUs) like including NLC, NTPC and State Generation & Distribution Companies like TANGEDCO, were allotted 14 Coal Blocks. Out of this NLC got two Blocks.

With the implementation of these projects and the other Projects in the pipe line, NLC's Power Generation capacity will touch about 11195MW. Further with the expansion of its activities to coal based Power Projects, NLCs contribution to the Power Sector and thereby to the Nation's development would be enhanced.

