

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF POWER**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1423  
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**UNDERUTILIZATION OF FUNDS BY NPTI**

**1423. SHRI AZAD KIRTI JHA:**

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

- (a) the details of the reasons for sub-optimal utilization of budgetary allocations by the National Power Training Institute (NPTI) during the years 2022-23 and 2023-24;**
- (b) the details of the specific steps taken/being taken by the Government to address the challenges responsible for the underutilization of allocated funds and to enhance the absorptive capacity of the said Institute;**
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the factors that led to National Power Training Institute (NPTI) losing its self-sufficient status in 2018 and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the details of the measures being implemented to help the said Institute to restore its financial self-sufficiency and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the details of any long-term strategy to strengthen the said Institution's operational and financial performance to ensure its effective contribution to the power sector?**

**A N S W E R**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER**

**(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)**

**(a) & (b) : The Govt. of India provide funds to National Power Training Institute (NPTI) for meeting the requirement of its pension liabilities and for creation/upgradation of Infrastructure in its institutes spread across the country. In FY 2022-23 as against budgetary allocation of Rs.50 Cr, NPTI utilized Rs. 14.35 Cr out of which Rs. 12 Cr was utilized for meeting pension liabilities and Rs. 2.35 Cr for Infrastructure upgradation. Similarly in FY 2023-24 as against budgetary allocation of Rs. 35 Cr, NPTI utilized Rs. 22.93 Cr out of which an amount of Rs. 10 Cr was utilized for meeting pension liabilities and Rs. 12.93 Cr for Infrastructure upgradation. During the above mentioned period, NPTI proposed various works related to the upgradation of critical infrastructure of its institutes like construction and furnishing of hostel building etc. Due to considerable time taken by the institute in preparation and subsequent approval of Detailed Project Report (DPRs), the proposed works under them could not be executed and funds allocated to NPTI remained unutilized.**

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To enhance the absorptive capacity of the institution, the institute was advised by MoP to submit proposals well in advance along with utilization certificates regularly so that funds could be released in time. With the help of these measures the utilization of funds under infrastructure head has improved in FY 2023-24 compared to FY 2022-23.

(c) & (d): NPTI is an autonomous institute registered under the Haryana Registration and Regulation of Societies Act of 2012. It has consistently maintained self-sufficiency since 2004-05 and is bearing all recurring and non-plan expenditures, including the salaries of its employees, solely through its own revenue earnings. As mentioned above, the financial support of Ministry is limited to provide Grants for infrastructure development and towards pension liabilities.

(e): Following steps are taken to strengthen NPTI's operational & financial performance:

- i. Ministry of Power, Govt. of India designated NPTI as a National Apex body for fulfilling the training and Human Resource Development requirements of the power sector in the country.
- ii. NPTI is conducting various Long-Term, Medium-Term, Short-Term, Specialized Training Programs for Engineers & Supervisors in Thermal Power Plant Engineering , Hydro Power, Transmission/Sub-Transmission /Distribution, Smart Grid Technologies, Power System Operations, Regulations for Transmission and Distribution utilities/ Generating plant both conventional and Renewable Energy Power plants, Large RE Grid Integration technologies, Hybrid Energy such as Solar, Wind, Biomass, Co-generation etc. The institute has progressively increased the number of such training programmes over the years.
- iii. NPTI is also conducting Capacity Building Programs like Mandatory Foundation Program, Awareness Program under National Mission on use of Biomass in Thermal Power Plants, Training and Certification Programs on Cyber Security, Training Program under Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), System Operator Certification Examination, System Operator Training Program Training Programs under PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana etc.
- iv. Foundation and Mid-Career training programmes have been started for career advancement of the Central Power Engineering Service officers of CEA. Induction Training for various utilities such as DVC, NHPC, POSOCO, MahaGenco, MPGenco etc. are being conducted.
- v. Various long term programs are currently running like MBA, PGDC and PDC in various streams such as MBA in Power Management, Post Graduate Diploma Course (PGDC) in Power Plant Engineering, Renewable Energy and Grid Interface Technologies Power Distribution & Emerging Technologies, Hydro Power Plant Engineering & Post Diploma Course (PDC) in Power Plant Engineering.

- vi. **An AR/VR lab to train personnels in understanding critical operation of thermal power plants has been proposed for development at Durgapur centre with the financial support of DVC.**
- vii. **An E-Learning Management System (LMS) was developed to facilitate online certification courses.**
- viii. **NPTI conducts Training of Trainers (ToT) programs for its regular employees and faculties for enhancing their skills and also allows employee to be part of the Specialized Training Programs for Utilities, International workshop/Seminar and conferences conducted by other centres of NPTI and by other organizations.**
- ix. **NPTI is also engaged in providing consultancy services to various utilities.**
- x. **To facilitate more number of trainings, infrastructure have been strengthened, under which 02 new Institutes at Alappuzha in Kerala and Shivpuri in Madhya Pradesh have been established and started functioning from Year 2020 onwards. Further, scheme for Development of the Critical infrastructure (Hostel upgradation & other Civil works) of 09 Institutes of NPTI, and establishment of three new Hostel at NPTI institutes were approved.**
- xi. **To improve quality of training, 06 Nos. of new Multifunctional Simulator have been commissioned successfully at NPTI-PSTI, Bengaluru, NPTI (ER), Durgapur, NPTI, CO, Faridabad, NPTI- Alappuzha, Kerala, NPTI (WR), Nagpur and NPTI, Shivpuri.**

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