

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3016
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2016**

PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY

3016. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways is taking steps to purchase electricity directly from the market, an alternative to the current process of procuring power from distribution companies and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the estimated savings by such a move; and**
- (c) whether the Railways has taken any steps towards utilising power from captive power plants and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Indian Railways have started procuring power as deemed licensee through bilateral arrangements and bidding process. About 700 Mega Watt power has been arranged through such process and is likely to result in an annualized saving of about ₹1300 crore.

(c) All steps, like signing of power purchase agreement etc., towards utilising power from Railways captive power plant at Nabinagar are in place. The power will be taken on commissioning of the plant.
