

## Press Release

Highlights of the issues raised by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Bihar before Hon'ble Power Minister of GOI on 03/11/2014 at Shramshakti Bhawan, New Delhi.

1. Request to expedite the COD of R & M of 110 MW Unit of Barauni Thermal Power station and Kanti Thermal Power station. Both the projects have been delayed because of poor mobilisation of BHEL. It was agreed to have the inauguration of Kanti unit II and Barh unit II on 15 Nov 2014.
2. MOUs have been executed with NTPC and NHPC on 22.02.2014 for implementation of Lakhisarai Thermal Power Project and Pirpainti Thermal Power Project respectively. NTPC/NHPC are yet to get approval of Ministry of Power for supply of 85% power to Bihar. In principle approval was given by Union Minister.
3. While thanking the Union Government for giving extra allocation of power from Dadri and Barh Thermal Power station, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Bihar requested for another allocation of 300 MW, which would be favourably examined by the Ministry
4. Hon'ble Chief Minister requested for central assistance for 24x7 power for six district-Gaya, Nalanda, Patna, Vaishali, Muzaffarpur, Bhagalpur. Hon'ble Union Minister assured his ministry's support for the entire state. The aforesaid districts would be taken up in 1<sup>st</sup> phase and other districts would be taken up in subsequent phases.
5. Hon'ble Chief Minister requested for assistance of release of 3,000 Cr of BRGF from Planning Commission. Hon'ble Union Minister promised to extend his help.
6. The request of Hon'ble Chief Minister for allocation of 1,500 MW from 2,500 MW of Punasangtchu I & II will be favourably examined by Govt of India.
7. Coal Block for UMPP Banka and tapering Coal linkage for Pirpainti and Kajra projects were also raised by Hon'ble Chief Minister.