

# NLC plans to add 16,600 Mw by 2025

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NLC India Limited has come up with its road plan stretching till 2025. The public sector firm, which comes under the ministry of coal, aims to increase its power generation capacity to 20,971 megawatts (Mw). The projects include renewable energy ones. Besides, the company said it is looking at acquiring power assets worth 3,000 Mw.

The company's existing capacity is 4,295 Mw: Lignite-based is 3,240 Mw, coal-based is 1,000 Mw and renewable

energy is 55 Mw.

The company proposes to add another 3,540 Mw through lignite-based energy, 5,940 Mw through coal-based power and 4,196 Mw through renewable energy, both solar and wind.

As part of the plan, the company is also looking at acquiring power assets, which can produce 3,000 Mw.

In total, the proposed additional power generation capacity is 16,676 Mw by 2025.

Some of the major projects include 3x660 Mw in Uttar Pradesh, 500 Mw in Rajasthan, 630 Mw of solar projects in

Tamil Nadu.

The company is implementing a 1,000-Mw thermal project at Neyveli, Tamil Nadu, which is expected to be commissioned by March or April 2018.

As far as mining is concerned, the company's installed capacity is 30.60 million tonnes per annum (mtpa).

By the end of 2025, NLC plans to achieve a lignite mining capacity of 62.15 mtpa, coal-mining capacity of 31 mtpa.

NLC is a Navratna public sector enterprise. It says it is a pioneer in lignite mining and

lignite-based power generation and now is in a big way into coal mining, coal-based power generation and generation of energy from renewables like sun and wind. The firm says it has witnessed record-breaking growth on all fronts in 2016-17, an all-time high since its inception.

The company's sales stand at ₹8,672.84 crore for 2016-17 as compared to ₹6,652 crore for 2015-16, up 30.38 per cent.

Total income stands at ₹9,347.25 crore for 2016-17 as against ₹7,177.20 crore for 2015-16, registering a growth of 30.24 per cent.