

# Nabinagar plant may start power generation by yr end

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**Aurangabad:** Nabinagar Super Thermal Power Project in Aurangabad district is likely to start commercial production by the end of this year.

Nabinagar Power Generating Company (NPGC) chief executive officer MP Sinha on Tuesday said all hurdles for construction of the project have been resolved and soon the first unit will start production. "Major civil foundations for

the first unit have been completed and we expect generation by the end of this year," said Sinha.

The power unit having 4380 MW generation capacity is a joint venture of the Bihar State

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Power Holding Company Ltd and the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC). Sources said initially, the project's generation capacity was to be

3960 MW but last year, the production capacity was increased to 4380 MW. "Its first unit is of 660 MW, which is almost complete and last month a trial run was also done," said a source.

The biggest hurdle in the project was land acquisition. The land issue has been settled and now 3,200 acres is available for this project, which includes 144 acre of land for the township. DM Kanwal Tanuj said 63 acres of land required for construction of rail corridor

have also been arranged and the process of compensating the farmers is on.

According to sources, Bihar will get 71% of the electricity generated from the plant, while Uttar Pradesh will get 8%, Sikkim 1% and West Bengal 9%. "If West Bengal is reluctant to accept its share, then the Bihar government will procure nine per cent more of the power generated here. Eight per cent is currently unallocated," said a source.