



NGT Issues Notice to Thermal Power Plant in Jharkhand

Why in News?

The [National Green Tribunal \(NGT\)](#) has requested a reply from the concerned authorities, which includes the administrative chief of **National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) North Karanpura super thermal power plant** in Jharkhand's Chatra district, concerning the significant fire that consumed a unit in April 2024.

Key Points

- The NGT addressed a case where it had taken notice about a fire at a material yard in unit 3 of a power plant.
 - The plant, a **coal-based 660X3 MW unit of NTPC**, the country's largest power producer, was under scrutiny.
 - NGT considered the case a significant matter concerning **environmental regulation compliance**.
- The tribunal roped in various authorities like the plant's administrative head, member secretaries of [Central Pollution Control Board \(CPCB\)](#) and **Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board (JSPCB)**, as well as Chatra's deputy commissioner for the issue.
- The [tribunal](#) directed for specific parties like the plant's administrative head and the deputy commissioner to be served notices to respond to the matter.

National Green Tribunal (NGT)

- It is a specialised body set up under the **National Green Tribunal Act (2010)** for effective and expeditious disposal of cases relating to environmental protection and conservation of forests and other natural resources.
- With the establishment of the NGT, **India became the third country in the world to set up a specialised environmental tribunal**, only after **Australia and New Zealand**, and the first developing country to do so.
- NGT is mandated to make disposal of applications or appeals finally within 6 months of filing the same.
- The NGT has five places of sittings, **New Delhi** is the Principal place of sitting and **Bhopal, Pune, Kolkata and Chennai** are the other four.

National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC)

- NTPC is **India's largest power utility** with an installed capacity of 68,961.68 MW plans to become a 130 GW company by 2032.
- Established in 1975, NTPC aims to be the **world's largest and best power major**.
- NTPC has **comprehensive Rehabilitation & Resettlement and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)** policies well integrated with its core business of setting up power projects and generating electricity.
- The company is **committed to generating reliable power at competitive prices** in a sustainable manner by optimising the use of multiple energy sources with innovative eco-friendly technologies thereby NTPC is contributing to the economic development of the nation and upliftment of the society.

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