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**KOLKATA: India Power Corporation Ltd (IPCL) plans to invest at least Rs 33 crore as the first tranche towards beefing up power distribution infrastructure at Gaya and Bodh Gaya in Bihar.**

Chairman Hemant Kanoria said the company has submitted its plan to upgrade infrastructure and induct new power distribution technology to the Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission (BERC) and is awaiting a formal approval to start work.

In June 2014, IPCL's wholly owned subsidiary, India Power Corporation (Bodhgaya) Ltd, entered into an agreement with South Bihar Power Distribution Company Ltd for a 15-year distribution franchise for supply of power to Gaya, Bodh Gaya and Manpur areas of Bihar.

Kanoria said the company has identified core areas which would need management and investment interventions to ensure quality service to the customers of Gaya.

It is still too early for IPCL to track any changes in power demand profile and future projections of power from consumers, he said. But aggregate power consumption has gone up with increase in hours of supply since the company has taken charge of distribution, though sector-wise demand has not changed, he added.

He said the company had initiated consumer awareness programmes in tandem with the requisite changes to existing infrastructure, like providing improved earthings to ensure reliability and quality of supply as well as consumer safety.

It has put in place a call centre aligned with its operational control room for daily monitoring and take customer feedback and complaints. On similar lines, four customer-care centres and 130 bill collection counters have been linked across the command area for error-free billing, bill collection and to deal with other customer-related issues.

<http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/companies/india-power-to-invest-in-bihar/article6475871.ece>

## India Power to invest in Bihar

Our Bureau

Kolkata, October 6:

India Power Corporation Ltd (IPCL) will invest ₹33 crore towards beefing up infrastructure of power distribution in Gaya and Bodh Gaya. According to Hemant Kanoria, Chairman, the company has submitted an investment plan of “minimum ₹33 crore” to the Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission (BERC). “We are awaiting a formal approval before we implement the capital expenditure program,” he was quoted as per a release issued by the company. The focus, Kanoria maintained, is on industrial requirement for which distribution capacity is being scaled up.

[http://www.telegraphindia.com/1141007/jsp/business/story\\_18900807.jsp#.VDNzOBbDUtM](http://www.telegraphindia.com/1141007/jsp/business/story_18900807.jsp#.VDNzOBbDUtM)

## Energiser for Bihar power

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**Calcutta, Oct. 6:** India Power Corporation Ltd (IPCL) is looking to invest Rs 33 crore to beef up its distribution network in Bihar.

In June, the Calcutta-based power company’s wholly owned subsidiary — India Power Corporation (Bodhgaya) Ltd — had entered into an agreement with South Bihar Power Distribution Company Ltd to supply power for 15 years to Gaya, Bodhgaya and Manpur areas of Bihar.

Kanoria: Cash plan

“We have submitted an investment plan of Rs 33 crore to upgrade infrastructure and induct new power distribution technology to the Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission and are awaiting a

formal approval before we implement the capital expenditure programme,” IPCL chairman Hemant Kanoria said.

“Our focus is on the industrial requirement for which the distribution capacity is being scaled up. This will be followed up by certain changes in the network to ensure quality of power supply,” Kanoria said.

According to the company, the investment will help to address issues such as obsolete equipment, overloading and poor reliability.

Kanoria said the management had identified core areas that would require investment to ensure quality service. The company can cater to over 1 lakh customers in Gaya and adjoining areas.

It is too early for IPCL to track any change in power demand or make future projections. However, aggregate power consumption has gone up with the increase in hours of supply after the company took charge of the distribution.

The company has also initiated consumer awareness programmes.

It has put in place a call centre aligned with its control room for daily monitoring and taking customer feedback and complaints. Four customer care centres and 130 bill collection counters have been linked across the command area for error-free billing, bill collection and to deal with other customer-related issues.

[http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/ipcl-set-to-infuse-rs-33-cr-in-power-distribution-in-bihar-114100600894\\_1.html](http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/ipcl-set-to-infuse-rs-33-cr-in-power-distribution-in-bihar-114100600894_1.html)

## **IPCL set to infuse Rs 33 cr in power distribution in Bihar**

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India Power Corporation Ltd (IPCL) today said it will invest Rs 33 crore as a first tranche towards beefing up infrastructure for power distribution in Gaya and Bodh Gaya of Bihar.

"We have submitted an investment plan of minimum Rs 33 crore to upgrade infrastructure and induct new power distribution technology to the Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission (BERC) and are awaiting a formal approval before we implement the capital expenditure programme," IPCL chairman Hemant Kanoria said in a statement.

"Our focus is on industrial requirement for which distribution capacity is being scaled up and this will be followed up certain changes in network like installation of LT-Aerial Bunch Conductor which will ensure quality of power supply, improvements in reliability and safety," Kanoria said.

In June 2014, IPCL's wholly owned subsidiary -- India Power Corporation (Bodhgaya) Ltd entered into an agreement with South Bihar Power Distribution Company Ltd (SBPDCL) for a 15-year distribution franchise for supply of power to Gaya, Bodh Gaya and Manpur areas in Bihar.

The discom has also put in place a fully functional call centre aligned with its operational control room for daily monitoring and customer feedback and complaints. On similar lines, four customer care centres and 130 collection counters have been linked across the command area for billing, collection and other customer redressal issue.