

## All firms clear 1st round of bidding for TN, Odisha UMPPs

**New Delhi** : All companies that applied for setting up two ultra mega power projects (UMPPs) in Odisha and Tamil Nadu have been cleared for participation in the next round — the financial bidding, PFC said Monday.

“All the nine applicants for Odisha UMPP and eight applicants for Cheyyur UMPP (Tamil Nadu) who have applied for RFQ (Request For Qualification) have been shortlisted for issuance of Request For Proposal (RFP),” PFC said in a statement.

Power Finance Corporation is the nodal agency for UMPPs in the country. A UMPP is a coal-based thermal power project that has 4,000MW generation capacity.

The apex evaluation committees cleared all technical bids in the first round. Both committees are headed by ex-CAG V K Shunglu, it said.

NTPC, Tata Power, NHPC, Adani Power, JSW Energy, Jindal Power (an arm of Jindal Steel and Power), Sterlite Infraventures, CLP India and Larsen & Toubro had submitted applications for the Odisha project.

NTPC, Adani Power, CLP India, GMR Energy, Jindal Power, JSW Energy, L&T and Sterlite Infraventures had submitted bids for the Cheyyur UMPP in Tamil Nadu.

Odisha UMPP is a pit-head power project. Based on domestic coal, to be sourced from allocated captive coal blocks, it is expected to cost around Rs 25,000 crore. The Cheyyur UMPP is a coastal power project, based on imported coal, with an expected investment of about Rs 24,200 crore, the statement said.

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