

# Min: New power units set up to project Sonbhadra as the energy hub of country



CM Yogi Adityanath heading the UP cabinet meeting on Tuesday

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Currently, Obra has six units with a combined installed capacity of 1,100 MW. This includes five units of 200 MW in Obra-B and one unit of 100 MW in Obra-A section. Sharma said that the new project will help the state meet the ever increasing electricity demand. It was only recently when the demand for power in UP touched the highest ever peak of around 27,000 MW, forcing the state government to look up for additional sources of electricity.

The state sector at present generates around 7,000 MW electricity. The new power plant, when run on full capacity mode, would generate 1,600 MW. The new power plant, when run on full capacity mode, would generate 1,600 MW. Sharma said that the project was conceptualised during the Global Investors Summit held in the state capital earlier this year. The minister said that the state government keenly pursued the project and managed to get it cleared by the Centre. "The state government has been projecting Sonbhadra as the energy hub of the country. The setting up of the two ambitious units would prove the point," he said.

The power plant, officials

## Shahpur-Bajpur road widening to cost ₹230 crore

The state cabinet on Tuesday gave its nod to widening of the road between Shahpur and Bajpur in Rampur district. The 57 km long road widening exercise would ease the traffic flow between Rampur and Jim Corbett National park in Uttarakhand. Cabinet minister Surya Pratap Shahi said that the road will be widened from the existing 7 mt to 10 mt, which would cost around Rs 230 crore to the state exchequer.

said, will be based on the most advanced technology that will bring high efficiency — the plant would consume less coal resulting in significant reduction in cost of electricity generation. Moreover, the plant will be fed coal from the coal mines of the Northern Coalfields Limited nearby the proposed project site.

The average cost of power under the present situation is around Rs 5.5 per unit. Obra-D is proposed to generate power at a cost of around Rs 4.7 per unit. The minister said reduction in cost of power will certainly have a bearing in the overall power generation scenario in the state.