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Norachcholai out, Trinco in ?

The proposed coal-fired power plant is expected to be moved out from Norachcholai, according to reports. Informed sources said that Trincomalee has been suggested as an alternative site. Minister of Power and Energy Karu Jayasuriya is expected to make a statement today in Parliament on the project siting.

While Trincomalee has been suggested as an alternative, it is not clear whether this will in fact be the location for the plant, as security concerns have also been voiced. There have also been suggestions that the entirety of 900 MW should not be located at one site and should not be entirely coal-dependent. However the sources held out that in order for the project to be viable it was necessary for it to ultimately have a generation capacity of 900 MW. The plant will be built in three stages. (SW)

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