

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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NORTH MADRAS II POWER PROJECT
C. KRISHNAN

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated cost of the North Madras II Power Project;
- (b) the salient features of this project;
- (c) whether any agreement has been arrived at between the promoters of the project and the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board in regard to the power purchase;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the total quantum of coal required for the project and the sources through which it is likely to be met; and
- (f) the time by which the power is likely to be generated from the said project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (d) : The North Madras Thermal Power Project Stage-II (1050 MW) in Tamil Nadu being promoted by M/s Videocon Power Limited has been accorded techno-economic clearance of Central Electricity Authority on 3.4.1996 at an estimated completed cost of US \$ 585.96 million + Rupees 2402.24 crores (at an exchange rate US \$ 1 = Rs.34.50/-). A Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) has been entered into between Tamil Nadu Electricity Board and the promoters on 2.2.1998.

(e) : The Screening Committee of the Ministry of Mines and Minerals (Department of Coal) has allotted the Utkal-B1 Block in the Talcher Coalfields for meeting the requirement of 5.75 metric tonnes per annum of raw coal for the project. The promoters are proposing to partly import coal to meet the stipulations of the Ministry of Environment and Forests till the coal mine becomes operative.

(f) : The first unit of the project is scheduled for commissioning 42 months from the date of financial closure by the promoters and the second unit four months thereafter.