

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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KOSHI HIGH DAM PROJECT  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the steps being taken by the Union Government for expeditious execution of Koshi High Dam project which is under active consideration of both the Governments of India and Nepal for number of years;
- (b) the estimated irrigation and hydro power generation potential likely to be achieved after completing the project; and
- (c) the time by which the execution work on the project is likely to be commenced ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) br>

(a) Water resources development project, namely, Sapta Kosi High Dam Multipurpose Project (SKHDMP) is under consideration of both the governments of Nepal and India for a number of years. A Joint Team of Experts (JTE) of India and Nepal was constituted in 1992 to finalise the modalities of investigations and the methods of assessment of benefits for joint studies/investigations of SKHDMP. JTE has so far met twice on February, 1992 and January, 1997. As per outcome of the meetings, an Inception report to be prepared by HMGN and to be accepted by JTE would provide the guiding principle for investigations and preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) jointly for which joint field works/surveys investigations are to be carried out first. Recently, a revised inception report enlisting the objectives of the projects, scope of field investigations, project formulation, methodology of assessment of various project benefits in terms of power, irrigation, flood control, inland navigation, etc., has been received from HMGN. This revised inception report is to be agreed in principle by both the countries/to be accepted by the JTE. Thus, the project is still under preliminary stage of discussion so far as execution of the project is concerned.

(b) The details about the estimated irrigation and hydropower generation potential likely to be achieved after completing the project would be known only after preparation/finalization of the joint DPR of the project proposal.

(c) It is premature to indicate the time by which execution work of the project is likely to be commenced.