

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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ULTRA MEGA POWR PROJECTS

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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present status of the proposed Ultra Mega Power Projects;
- (b) whether the Government is facing any difficulty in the implementation of these projects;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which the construction work is likely to commence thereon?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF POWER ( SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE )

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 240 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 14.03.2008 REGARDING ULTRA MEGA POWR PROJECTS.

(a) to (c) : The Ministry of Power had launched an initiative for the development of coal based Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs), each of about 4000 MW capacity. These projects are being developed on a Build, Own and Operate basis, and the project developers are selected through a tariff based competitive bidding process initiated/to be initiated by project specific shell companies which have been formed as wholly owned subsidiaries of Power Finance Corporation, the identified nodal agency for this initiative. These projects are envisaged to come up in the 12th Plan.

After finalization of sites in consultation with the States, the bidding process was initiated in respect of four Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs) and has been completed in three projects. The details are as under:

S. Name of the Project Location State Status  
No.

1. Sasan Ultra Mega Near Sasan village Madhya Bidding Process completed  
Power Project in Sidhi District Pradesh and Special Purpose  
Vehicle (SPV) has been  
transferred.
2. Mundra Ultra Mega Near Tundawanda Gujarat Bidding Process completed  
Power Project village in Kutch and Special Purpose  
District Vehicle (SPV) has been  
transferred.
3. Krishnapatnam Ultra Krishnapatnam village Andhra Bidding Process completed  
Mega Power Project in Nellore District Pradesh and Special Purpose  
Vehicle (SPV) has been  
transferred.
4. Tilaiya Ultra Site near Barhi to Jharkhand.  
Mega Power Project the North East of The bidding process is  
Tilaiya Dam in currently in progress.

Among the remaining projects, Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has in consultation with the State Government identified a suitable site near Bedabahal village in Sundergarh District for setting up of an UMPP in Orissa. However, the approval for the identified site and for water allocation for the proposed UMPP has not been provided by the Government of Orissa so far. For the Chhattisgarh UMPP, a site near Salka and Khamaria villages in district Sarguja has been short listed in consultation with the State Government. The finalization of sites and initiation of the bidding process for setting up of UMPPs in the States of Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Karnataka are contingent upon necessary inputs/clearances from the respective State Governments.

(d) : As indicated above, so far the bidding process has already been completed in respect of three UMPPs. The selected bidders have to commission the projects in keeping with the time schedule specified in the Power Purchase Agreements, which have become effective on the date of transfer of the Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs). So far no deviation has been reported in the time schedules of these three UMPPs. According to information received from Central Electricity Authority, construction activities have commenced at site in respect of one project, that is Mundra UMPP in Gujarat, whose SPV was the first one that was transferred to the identified project developer.