

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA**

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BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has not completed the works of Unit-1 of Bellary Thermal Power Station in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details of the works that are pending now;
- (c) the main reasons for not completing the works fully by the BHEL;
- (d) the time by which the BHEL is likely to complete all the works on this project; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Union Government to ensure that BHEL completes the project early?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

- (a) : Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has completed the works for full loading of Unit#1 (500 MW) of Bellary Thermal Power Station in Karnataka. The commercial operation of the unit was declared on 30.03.09.
- (b) : The remaining works are mainly in the area related to Coal Handling Plant (CHP), Ash Handling Plant (AHP), problems that manifest during initial continuous operation and fine tuning of the Unit. However, this is not affecting regular operation of the Unit.
- (c) : The main reason for the delay in completion of remaining works is due to the Unit being presently in continuous operation and non-availability of shutdown to enable BHEL to attend to the works.
- (d) : For attending to the pending works a plan has been discussed between BHEL and Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) as per which KPCL has agreed to provide a shutdown of around 3 weeks in September 2010. Other points not-related to shutdown of the Unit are being attended to by BHEL prior the shutdown.
- (e) : The Department of Heavy Industry regularly monitors the progress of implementation of various power projects, to ensure that BHEL puts in adequate extra efforts to minimize the slippages in commissioning of the projects.