

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MAHESWAR HYDRO POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the Maheswar Hydro Power Project in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) whether the construction work at the hydro power project has been suspended;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL)

(a): Maheshwar Hydro Project (10x40 MW) in Madhya Pradesh is being implemented by Shree Masheshwar Hydel Power Corporation Ltd. Civil works of the project are nearing completion. All the 27 Nos. of Radial Gates (RG) have been erected out of which 22 Nos. have been commissioned and balance 5 Nos. are yet to be commissioned. Three units are boxed up and balance 7 units are in various stages of erection. Switchyard along with transmission line is ready and charged.

(b) to (d): Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF) vide letter dated 23.04.2010, directed the project proponent to get the on-going construction works at the site suspended with immediate effect till a satisfactory compliance report on certain environmental issues is submitted by the project proponent and the same is found implementable by the Government. The stop- work order on construction of last five spillway gates has been lifted by MoEF vide their order dated 19.05.2011 subject to the condition that these gates shall not be lowered until satisfactory completion of rehabilitation & resettlement (R&R) and its review by MoEF. Completion time of the project would depend on expeditious completion of R&R works, grant of permission by MoEF for lowering of the remaining five gates, infusion of equity by the developer and resolution of other cash flow related problems of the developer.