

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POWER PROJECTS OF SOUTHERN REGION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that the project of system strengthening-VII of Southern Region (248 CKM) has been delayed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the cost overrun of these projects and cost/expenditure incurred on this project; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for completion of said project within stipulated time?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : System Strengthening-VII of Southern Region project comprised following scope of works:-

(i) Establishment of 400/220 kV new substation with 2x315 MVA transformers at Karaikudi by LILO of one ckt. of Madurai – Trichy 400kV D/c line.

(ii) Establishment of 400/220 kV new substation with 2x315 MVA transformers at Hassan by LILO of one ckt. of Talguppa – Neelmangala 400kV D/c line.

The project was approved in April, 2005 at an estimated cost of Rs.279.30 Crore. As per the approval, the project was scheduled to be commissioned by July, 2009.

Karaikudi sub-station (1st element) was commissioned as per schedule, i.e., by July, 2009. Hassan sub-station (2nd element) was completed in October, 2009. However, it could be commissioned in May, 2010 as downstream network, which was to be constructed by Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited, was delayed.

The revised cost of the project is Rs.325.09 Crore (December, 2010 price level). The increase in cost of the project cost with reference to the original approved cost is mainly on account of increase in land & compensation cost, price variation due to market forces & inflation and increase in Interest during Construction (IDC).

(c) : The project has already been commissioned in June, 2010.