

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4386  
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SHIFTING OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE OF DVC  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Research and Development Centre of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) has been shifted from Salt Lake, Kolkata to Mejia;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the decision to shift the centre was approved by the DVC board;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the equipment shifted to Mejia is lying in abandoned conditions for more than six months; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) : Yes, Madam.
- (b): The R&D Centre of DVC was located in a rented accommodation at Kolkata with a three years lease agreement from 01.01.2008 to 31.12.2010 further extended by one year up to 31.12.2011. The owner of the building refused for extension of the lease after 31.12.2011. As such DVC had no other alternative but to search for an alternate location at Kolkata and might have to spend substantial amount for building up facility again at a new rented location. Mejia TPS, the largest thermal power station in DVC, has spare capacity for accommodating the R&D Centre and its future expansion. Hence, the new R&D Centre has been shifted to Mejia TPS which is approximately 170 Kilometers from Kolkata.
- (c) & (d) :The decision of shifting does not require approval of DVC Board.
- (e) :Equipment have been shifted to Mejia Thermal Power Station (MTPS) during May, 2012 and are under installation.
- (f) :In view of (e) above, question does not arise.