

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ATOMIC ENERGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6676  
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NEUTRINO OBSERVATORY  
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**Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:**

the present status of the India based Neutrino Observatory (INO) project along with the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY):

The Atomic Energy Commission has approved an XI Five Year Plan Project titled 'Development of site infrastructure and prototype for India based Neutrino Observatory' at an estimated cost of `66.31 crore. Under this Project, as part of pre-project activities the following activities have been taken up:

- a) 26.825 Ha. of land for establishing the Project has been acquired at Pottipuram Village, Theni District, Tamil Nadu and 12.155 Ha. of land for establishing the National Centre for High Energy Physics (NCHEP) has been acquired at Madurai, Tamil Nadu.
- b) Clearances from Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India and also from Department of Environment & Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu have been obtained for the above Project.
- c) Work of development of infrastructural facilities for the Project has been initiated by entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board (TWAD) for supply of water to the Project site and with the Highways Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu for laying / widening the approach road to the project site.
- d) The detailed project report on the mega project on India based Neutrino Observatory, with an estimated cost of ` 1500 crore, is under examination and the project is yet to be approved. As per this project report, the scheduled time of completion of the project is seven years from the date of approval of the Project.