

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2170  
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SETTING UP OF HYDRO ENGINEERING COLLEGE  
Thakur Shri Anurag Singh

**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has sanctioned setting up of Hydro Engineering College in Bilaspur district of Himachal Pradesh in cooperation with National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC), National Hydro Power Corporation (NHPC) and Government of Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status in this regard;
- (c) whether any target has been set for completion of the construction of building for the college;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, COAL AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY ( SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL )

(a) to (e) : Yes, Madam. A decision to establish an Engineering College in Bilaspur District of Himachal Pradesh was taken during the meeting held on 07.01.2009 between Shri Jairam Ramesh, the then Minister of State for Power, Govt. of India and the then Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh. NTPC Ltd. has further informed that establishment of Engineering College requires simultaneous equal funding by NTPC Ltd. and NHPC Ltd. which would be linked to construction milestones, as mutually agreed. The NTPC Ltd. signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Government of Himachal Pradesh on 3rd March, 2012 for financial support, limited to Rs. 37.50 crores for setting up of Hydro Engineering College in Bilaspur District of Himachal Pradesh. NHPC is yet to sign the MOU.