

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3607
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.04.2017

STATUS OF TAPOVAN VISHNUGAD HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT

3607. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

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

- (a) the originally scheduled date for commissioning of NTPC's Tapovan Vishnugad Hydro Electric Project in Uttarakhand;
- (b) the reasons for inordinate delay in commissioning of the project along with cost escalation; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken by Government for early execution of the project?

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

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c) : The original scheduled date for commissioning of Tapovan-Vishnugad Project was March, 2013 at an original cost of Rs. 2978 Crore. The reasons for the delay in commissioning of the project are as under:

- Due to unforeseen adverse geological surprises, tunnel boring machine (TBM) got stuck thrice.
- Unprecedented floods in Uttarakhand during August 2012 and June 2013 damaging cofferdam and approach roads.
- Due to non-performance of Head Race Tunnel (HRT) package agency, the contract was terminated on 09.01.2014.
- Due to non-performance of contracting agency for barrage works, the contract was terminated in November 2010.

The revised project cost is Rupees 3846 crore. For the early execution of the project, following steps have been taken:-

- The HRT package has been re-awarded to another agency on 09.03.2016,
- Barrage works contract has been re-awarded in July, 2012 to another agency.
- The Government reviews the progress of this project from time to time as part of the review of power projects of Central Sector and State Sector by Ministry of Power; through Project Monitoring Group (PMG) and through the new IT based redressal monitoring system of the Government, PRAGATI (Pro-active Governance and Timely implementation) as well as Quarterly Performance Review of NTPC by Ministry of Power.
