

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1508  
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SETTING UP OF DURGADWANI MINI HYDEL POWER PLANT  
SANAT KUMAR MANDAL

**Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the progress made so far for the setting up of Durgadwani mini hydel power plant in Sundarbans, West Bengal;
- (b) the target fixed by the Government for the commencement of generation of electricity; and
- (c) the total funds likely to be incurred on the project?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a)&(b): The Detailed Project Report (DPR) for a 3 MW TidaPower Project in Durgadwani.Sunderbans, West Bengal has been completed and duly examined in the Ministry.As recommended in the DPR, environmental clearance is required for the implementation of the project. The Ministry have sanctioned Environmental Impact Assessment Study for this project to the West Bengal Renewable Energy Development Agency, Kolkata, in March, 2003.This study is expected to be completed in about a year. After completion of the study, and based on its results, statutory environment clearance will be sought from the Ministry of Environment and Forests. The implementation targets for the project will be decided after obtaining the statutory environment clearance.

(c) The estimated cost of the project is about Rs.33 crores.