

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BHOPAL PATTNAM POWR PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the date on which the work on the proposed Bhopal Pattnam Power Project in collaboration of Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh on Indrawati River in Gadchiroli district is likely to commence;
- (b) whether the modalities of distribution of power produced from the said project have been finalized; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : As per the available information, the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Bhopalapatnam Hydroelectric Project (1,000 MW) was received in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in May, 1982. The DPR was examined in CEA/Central Water Commission (CWC) and their comments were sent to Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board (MPEB). The DPR was returned to MPEB in March, 1985 due to non-submission of replies to various observations of CEA/CWC. The project was reportedly rejected in October, 1989 by the Ministry of Environment and Forests as the execution of the proposed project involved submergence of about 80,000 hectare of forest land including Indravati National Park and displacement of a large number of tribal families.

No further proposal has been received from the concerned State Government.

(b) & (c) : Do not arise.