

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 9
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2023

Delay in completion of Kovvada nuclear power plant

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the timelines proposed for completion of the Kovvada nuclear power plant in the State of Andhra Pradesh and the progress made so far;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps to prevent delays and cost overruns in completion of the project;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government has any estimates as to the employment that will be generated through this nuclear power plant; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR.JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a) Discussions are on with M/s Westinghouse Electric Company (WEC), USA to set up six Nuclear Power Plants at Kovvada. This will lead to finalization of the project proposal including the project cost and schedule. Presently, pre-project activities viz. land acquisition, obtaining statutory clearances and site investigations are underway. Mutation (transfer) of 2061.1 acres of plant site land (out of total 2079.66 acres) in the name of NPCIL is completed.
- (b)&(c) Does not arise as the project construction is yet to start.
- (d)&(e) During its peak construction time, around 8000 persons are estimated to be employed at Kovvada Nuclear Power Project which follows a bell curve. Once operational, each of the twin unit stations are estimated to employ (both direct and indirect) about 2000 persons. Also, there is potential for employment of contractors/vendors from business opportunities that emerge consequent to the increase in economic activities at the site.
