

Haryana Power Generation Corporation Ltd.

Press Note

Chandigarh, November 11 - The final commissioning activities of the prestigious 2x600 MW Rajiv Gandhi Thermal Power Project Khedar in district Hisar are in the process of converging on their target of commencement of Power Generation from the Project, by December, 2009.

Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal, Managing Director of Haryana Power Generation Corporation Limited (HPGCL), said here today that the 600 MW Unit-1 of the project is being prepared for synchronization on oil within a month. He further informed that an overall progress of around 88 percent has already been achieved and in project engineering and procurement a progress of 93.1 percent and 92.2 percent, respectively, has been achieved. Giving technical details he added that the turbine generator of the first 600 MW Unit of the project is presently rolling on barring gear which is a crucial activity in the commissioning process. The boiler of the unit is also in lit up condition and the major activity of steam blowing of the boiler is in progress. In the process of steam blowing, high pressure steam is passed through the critical pipe lines to make them clean and free from impurities and unwanted material. The major auxiliaries such as Boiler Feed Pump and CC pump etc. are already functional and ready for being operated at full load

He informed that the project engineers and workers are working round the clock to ensure that the railway marshalling yard and coal feeding system becomes ready by end of November, 2009 so that the Unit can be synchronized on coal, quickly after synchronization on oil. After completion of all tests and procedures, the Unit-1 shall start generating power by December 2009. The work of the second 600 MW Unit is also progressing as per schedule and it is expected that it shall be commissioned before March 2010.

Throwing light on the financial progress of the project he informed that overall expenditure of Rs. 3055 crores has so far been incurred on the project.

Regarding implementation of the project, he informed that more than 40 reputed contractors and around 5000 workers are working round the clock to meet the challenging schedule of the project. High level of environmental health and safety standards are being maintained at the project.

More than 250 HPGCL personnel are presently deployed at the project and are involved in various commissioning activities.

Sh. Kaushal informed that the standby raw water inlet channel constructed by the Irrigation Department to provide 25 cusecs of raw water is already functional. He further informed that the construction of both the barracks for Central Industrial Security Force has been completed. However, he requested the MD of Haryana State Roads and Bridges Development Corporation to expedite the construction of the residential buildings of the colony in Khedar, financed by HPGCL at the cost of Rs. 100 crore.

Stating that the provision of adequate evacuation facility of power by HVPNL will be crucial for the project, he added that Haryana Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Limited will complete the two double circuit 400 KV Transmission lines and the 400 KV Sub Stations at Village Kirori and Fatehabad by end of November 2009.