

UP Moves to Fast-Track Pumped Storage Projects; Key Water and Land Issues Reviewed

UP Strengthens Inter-State Coordination to Unlock Pumped Storage Projects in UP

Lucknow, 15 Dec, 2025: The Government of Uttar Pradesh reaffirmed its commitment to fast-tracking Pumped Storage Power (PSP) Projects by addressing key inter-state water allocation and land-related challenges during a high-level review meeting chaired by the Infrastructure and Industrial Development Commissioner (IIDC), Government of Uttar Pradesh, Mr. Deepak Kumar. The meeting, held at Invest UP office, is focused on resolving regulatory and procedural issues to ensure smooth implementation of approved PSPs, which are critical for strengthening the state's renewable energy and energy storage ecosystem. IIDC directed the departments concerned to resolve all water replenishment issues at the earliest as per share of Uttar Pradesh in rivers flowing through other states.

During the meeting, the issue of water allocation for approved Pumped Storage Projects, particularly those located on the inter-state Sone River, was discussed in detail. Officials from the Irrigation Department informed that a comprehensive assessment of water availability and project requirements has already been undertaken, factoring in existing and committed demands. The discussions highlighted the need to adhere to established inter-state water-sharing arrangements while exploring cooperative mechanisms among basin states to address future project requirements.

Another major agenda pertained to land issues (between forest and revenue records). On the issue of land, Shri Deepak Kumar directed the departments

of Forest and Revenue to coordinate and hold consultations to ensure prompt allocation for PSP projects.

It may be noted that the State government had already granted in-principle approval to 10 PSP projects. The developers include Greenko Group, Torrent Power, JSW Neo Energy, ACME Cleantec Solutions, Avaada Water Battery Pvt Ltd, Jharia Pvt. Ltd., Adani Green Energy Ltd. & THDC. Most of the proposals pertain to projects on Sone River,

IIDC assured developers that the State Government is actively working towards resolving land issues in a time-bound manner. It was conveyed that coordinated efforts among revenue, forest and other concerned departments are being strengthened to ensure clarity of land records and remove bottlenecks impacting project timelines.

The meeting witnessed participation from representatives of leading project developers and senior officials from Invest UP, including the Additional Chief Executive Officers, Ms. Purna Sharma & Mr. Shashank Chaudhary, along with senior state officials and representatives from the Governments of Bihar and Madhya Pradesh, were also present.

Concluding the meeting, the Infrastructure and Industrial Development Commissioner assured stakeholders that the issues raised would be addressed on priority. He further stated that, if required, a high-level meeting under the chairmanship of senior officials of the Government of Uttar Pradesh would be convened to facilitate inter-departmental and inter-state coordination, reaffirming the state's proactive approach towards enabling large-scale clean energy investments.