

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF
THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE
TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) Pending actual augmentation of Central Road Funds, the funds are being allocated as per old Resolution taking into account the total cost of schemes approved for State, total funds released previously, *inter-se* priority on All India basis, requirements projected by the State Government and availability of budget provision.

(e) The Central Government does not make scheme-wise allocation of funds to the State Governments under Central Road Fund. Only a lump sum amount is placed at the disposal of States against the approved schemes.

Dulhasti Hydroelectric Power Project

*17. MAJ. GEN. (RETD.)
BHUWAN CHANDRA
KHANDURI:
SHRI SANDIPAN
BHAGWAN THORAT:

Will the Minister of POWER be
pleased to state:

(a) whether a Hydro-Electric Power
Project has been under construction at
Dulhasti by a French firm;

(b) if so, whether the work has
been discontinued quite sometime back;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government
propose to re-start the work;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government have
suffered any financial loss due to
discontinuance of or for re-starting the
project; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI
N.K.P. SALVE): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. The French
Consortium of firms has stopped the
work at site since August, 1992 citing the
prevailing security environment as the
reason.

(d) and (e). Yes, Sir. National
Hydroelectric Power Corporation and the
French Consortium of firms are
negotiating the terms of resumption of
work and towards this end a Memorandum
of Understanding was recently signed by
them.

(f) and (g). Yes, Sir. Delay in
completion of the project will entail a cost
over-run.

Investment Promotion

*18. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will
the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have
formulated and implemented any
investment promotion strategy in foreign
countries to highlight the comparative
advantage of investment in India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS