

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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TRANSMISSION LINE FROM BHUTAN TO EASTERN REGION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Power Grid Corporation of India and the Tata Power Limited have decided to execute the 1200 km. long power transmission line jointly from Bhutan to the Eastern Region;
- (b) if so, the details of the agreement in this regard between the two power companies;
- (c) the expenditure involved and the time fixed for the implementation of this project; and
- (d) the States likely to be benefited there from?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : The Transmission Line from Tala HEP to Indo-Bhutan border is being implemented by Tala HEP Authority and the transmission line from Indo-Bhutan border to Siliguri is being executed by POWERGRID and Tata Power Company Limited have decided to jointly execute certain power transmission lines for transfer of Tala HEP power from Siliguri to various constituent States in Eastern Region and also for transfer of surplus power in Eastern Region to various constituent States in Northern Region by formation of a Joint Venture Company, namely, Tala-Delhi Transmission Limited.

(b) : POWERGRID has signed three agreements, viz., Shareholders Agreement (SHA), Implementation Agreement (IA) and Transmission Service Agreement (TSA) on 4th July, 2003 for execution of the above mentioned transmission lines. These agreements specify the rights and responsibilities of the concerned parties and the terms & conditions for construction (including the construction period) and operation & maintenance of the project (including payment of transmission tariff to the JVC).

(c) : The estimated cost of the transmission lines to be implemented by the JVC

(Tala-Delhi Transmission Limited) is Rs.1099.64 crore (2nd quarter 2002 price level). These lines are scheduled to be completed by July, 2006.

(d) : The States of Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Sikkim in Eastern Region and Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab and Haryana in Northern Region will be benefited from this project.