

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE FOR ONGOING POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sought external assistance for its on- going power projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) the number of power projects under construction in Karnataka along with their proposed capacity;
- (e) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed;
- (f) the details of the central assistance/loan given to Karnataka for their completion during the last three years and current financial year so far; and
- (g) the extent to which these projects are benefited to solve the Power crisis?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : Karnataka Power Corporation Limited, a power generating Company of Karnataka State Government (GoK undertaking) has not sought any external assistance for its ongoing power projects.

(d) to (g) : The following are the ongoing and new power projects which are being implemented by KPCL in the State:

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Capacity (MW)
1.	Almati Dam Power House	290
2.	Bellary Thermal Power Plant	500
3.	Bidadi Combined Cycle Power Plant	1400
4.	Raichur Thermal Power Station Unit-8	210
5.	Varahi Stage-II	230
	Total	2630

The X Plan capacity addition programme in the State Sector in Karnataka includes Bellary and Almati projects. In order to make up any shortfall in original target in X plan, an additional capacity to the tune of 1610 MW is envisaged in Raichur and Bidadi as back up projects.

Power Finance Corporation has sanctioned loan totaling Rs.2012 crores for Almati Dam Power House and Bellary Thermal Power Plant. Out of loan amount of Rs.500 crores sanctioned for Almati Dam Power House, Rs.105 crores has been disbursed so far. A loan of Rs.1512 crores has been sanctioned for Bellary Thermal Power Plant in principle for which KPCL has yet to complete documentation.

In addition to the above, Kaiga Atomic Power Station (220 MW) under Central Sector (of Nuclear Power Corporation of India) is also under construction and would be commissioned by 2006-07.