

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:724
ANSWERED ON:04.03.2005
NON COMPLETION OF POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that some power projects are still pending or some ongoing projects have not been completed for the last 20 years as reported in Danik Jagaran, dated 27th January, 2005;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the reasons behind the non-completion of the projects for such a long time;
- (d) the extra financial burden on the Centre due to pendency of the said projects;
- (e) whether the Government propose to hand over some of these projects to the private sector; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) to (c) : Yes Sir. Due to constraints, such as natural calamities, geological surprises, delays in land acquisition, resettlement and rehabilitation problems, legal disputes, delays in clearances, non-availability of funds, etc. considerable time and cost overruns have occurred in hydro power projects referred to in the news item. The monitoring mechanism has been strengthened to gradually eliminate time and cost overruns in power projects and specially hydro power projects.

The Central Electricity Authority has a nodal officer for each project, both at the conception stage as well as during execution. In addition, regular in depth review meetings are being organized in the Ministry of Power.

(d) : The information in respect of projects mentioned in the newspaper item is Annexed.

(e) : No, Sir.

(f) : Does not arise.

ANNEX

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 724 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 4TH MARCH, 2005.

Details of costs in respect of projects mentioned in the Dainik Jagran, dated 27.1.2005

Name of Project	Original cost (Rs Crore)	Year of investment	Cost now anticipated	Anticipated Year of commissioning
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Dulhasti HEP, 390 MW, NHPC, J&K	183.45	1982	4604.93	2005-06
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Dhauliganga HEP, 280MW, NHPC, Uttranchal	601.98	1991	1578.31	2005-06
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Tehri HEP-I, 1000MW, THDC, Uttranchal	3391.40	1994	6621.32	2005-06
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Ramagundam STPP ST 1818.45 2001 1818.45 Unit 7 commissioned),
III(U-7),NTPC, A.P Unit 8 expected
in 2005-06

Talcher STPP St.II, 6648.83 1999 6648.83 Completed
NTPC, Orissa

Tehri Transmission 421.00 1994 702.29 Line I completed.
Line (800KV S/C) Line II expected
in 2005-06

Gazu Transmission HVDC
Augmentation 769.25 2002 739.27 2005-06

Tala Siliguri 231.53 2002 231.53 2005-06
Transmission System