

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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TALA POWER PROJECT BHUTAN

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work on Tala Power Project, a joint venture of the Governments of India and Bhutan, has been completed in scheduled time;
- (b) if so, the total percentage of power, India is likely to receive from the said project;
- (c) the time by which power generation is likely to commence from the said project; and
- (d) the States in the country likely to be benefited there from?

Answer

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

- (a) : The work on 1020 MW Tala Power Project, is currently under progress.
- (b) : As per the Agreement signed between Government of India and Government of Bhutan, the surplus power from project i.e. power over and above the requirement of Bhutan, would be purchased by India at mutually agreed rates.
- (c) : Power generation on regular basis is likely to commence on commissioning of the project by March, 2006.
- (d) : The power from Tala HEP has been earmarked for allocation to West Bengal (50%), Bihar and Jharkhand (32.5%), Sikkim (2.5%) and Damodar Valley Corporation (15%).