

(c) Indian flowers including mogras have a good demand in West Asia and the Gulf countries.

(d) Floriculture has been identified as a thrust area and steps have been initiated to take advantage of increasing world demand, including introduction of air freight subsidy on exports of cut flowers.

[*Translation*]

Externally aided projects

1537. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign aided

central projects running behind schedule, State-wise;

(b) the extent and the reasons for the delay in implementation thereof;

(c) the estimated cost of each project and the likely escalation therein; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for the speedy implementation of those projects to avoid further escalation in cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (d). A *Statement* is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT*Externally Aided Central Sector Projects in the Country*

S.No.	Name of the project	Original/ Revised Date of Completion	Reasons for delay	Original Cost/ Revised Cost	Measures taken to avoid further cost escalation
1.	NARP-II (World Bank) AP, Assam, Bihar, Guj., Hary., HP, MP, Kar., Kerala, Maha, Or., Pun., Raj., TN, UP, WB & J&K.	30.6 1993/ 30.6 1994	Slow progress made by agricultural universities of Himachal Pradesh & Bihar	Rs 133 12 cr	State Governments asked to take necessary steps/measures
2.	Tourism Infrastructure Dev. Project (IDP-54) (Japan) - Bihar, UP & Central Component	20 1 1994/ 20 1 1996	Delayed start because of infrastructure problems and problems because of availability of funds by the State Governments	Yen 9244 million/ Yen 9244 million	Min of Tourism advised to monitor implementation on a regular basis
3.	Railway-I (LN. 857-IND) (ADB) Central	30 1 1993/ 31 3 1997	Delay in finalising contracts for procurement of locomotives	Rs 524 cr	The contract for procurement of locomotives has since been finalised and no escalation cost is expected except due to exchange rate adjustment The project is now running satisfactorily

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4.	1st Telecom (ADB) Central	28.2.1993/ 30.6.1995	Change in scope of the project due to development of indigenous technology and delay in finalisation of contracts for procurement.	Rs. 322 cr.	The entire project is expected to be completed by the loan closing date 30.6.95. The project is now running satisfactorily.
5.	2nd Telecom (ADB) Central	31.12.1992/ 31.12.1994	Delay in finalising contracts.	Rs. 380 cr.	The project is expected to be completed by the closing date of 31.12.94
6.	Private Voluntary Organisations for Health-II (USAID) Multistate	30.9.1995/ 31.8.1997	(i) Expansion of project scope. (ii) Delay in construction activities. (iii) Delay in procurement of equipment. (iv) Poor response from private organisations under PVOH II.	US \$ 13.41 mln. US \$ 13.41 mln.	Project authorities requested to review the project activities on regular basis so as to adhere to the time schedule.
7.	Plant Genetic Resources (USAID)	30.9.1995/ 30.9.1997	(i) Expansion of project scope.	US \$ 21.66 mln./ US \$ 23.95 mln.	Project authorities requested to review the project

- activities on regular basis so as to adhere to the time schedule.
- (ii) Delay in construction activities.
- (iii) Delay in procurement of equipment.
8. **Central Project - Situated in Delhi**
- Tehri Hydro Power Complex (2400 MW) and Associated Transmission System (800 KV) (USSR) - UP**
- June 1996/
1998-99
- With the disintegration of the Soviet Union in December, 1991, the availability of the credit is not clear. Hence the project is affected for want of funds.
- Rs. 5058 cr./
Rs. 5583 cr.
- Considering the constraint of funds and escalation of cost, it has been decided to take up initially Tehri Stage-I at a total cost of Rs. 2963.66 crores.
9. **Koraput Rayagada Railway Line Project. (Saudi Fund for Development) Orissa, MP.**
- 30.9.1990/
31.12.1993
(Extension being sought)
- Various constraints like late clearance of forest grown area, difficult terrain, shortage of labour, frequent breakdown of contractor's machinery, etc.
- Rs. 112.1 cr./
Rs. 405.1 cr.
- Adequate steps such as increase in rates of contractors have been taken to complete the work.
10. **Ramagundam Terminal Power Project Stage-II - AP (Saudi Fund for Development)**
- 31.12.1991/
31.3.1994
- The implementation of the project was slow initially.
- Rs. 1518 cr./
Rs. 2083.14 cr.
- Adequate steps have been taken to improve the speed of the implementation of the project and the project is in completion stage.

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11.	Gas Pipeline (IDP-37) (Japan)	18.12.1993/ 17.12.1995	Because of court case between GAIL and the consortium of Foreign companies.	Yen 18904 million/ Yen 18904 million	GAIL asked to expedite court cases.
12.	Cement Industry (L.N. 2660-IN) (World Bank)	30.6.1992/ 30.6.1994	Delay in implementation of project by beneficiary cement companies.	Rs. 495.34 cr./	All the project components are expected to be completed by the loan closing date of 30.6.94.
13.	Rolling Stock Moderni- zation Workshop Prj. (IDP-66) (Japan) TN, Bihar	27.3.1995/ 27.3.1996	Non-conclusion of consultancy contract with the foreign company.	Yen 1256 million/ Yen 1256 million	Matter being followed up with OECF and Railway Board. Consultancy contract likely to be concluded shortly.
14.	Uri Hydro Electric Project (SIDA) - J&K	28.11.89/ 21.11.95	The project is slightly behind schedule due to political situation in J&K.	Rs. 1632.62 cr./ Rs. 3424.40 cr.	Efforts are being made by the project authorities to implement the project within schedule.
15.	National Family Welfare Programme (V India Population Project) - West Bengal	31.8.93/ 31.3.94	Scope of the project has been widened to cover more project activities.	Rs. 107.47 cr./ Rs. 117.12 cr.	Project scheduled to close on 31.3.1994.

16. NCTPP - Dadri (Unit-4) May, 1993/
(World Bank) - UP June, 1994
- i) Delay in civil works by Rs. 1063.60 cr./
M/s. NBCC and other Rs. 1669.21 cr.
agencies
- ii) Delay in supply and erection by BHEL/Sub agencies.
- iii) Delay in availability of land for Rly. siding work.
- Steam Blowing under progress. Expected synchronisation by June 94 as per schedule.
17. Kahaigaon STPP (Unit-2) Jan., 92/
(Russian Aid) - Bihar April 94
- Delay in supplies from Russia and I.R. problems at site.
- Steam blowing completed on 22.02.94 formalisation is in progress.
18. Kahaigaon STPP (Unit-3) July 92/
(Russian Aid) - Bihar June 95
- Due to delay in the supply of Russian materials and IR problems at site the contractors sought higher rates for balance works and This slowed down the work. Rs. 884.16 cr.
necessitated re-tendering of one of the major packages viz. HP piping. Rs. 1928.45 cr.
- Boiler erection and welding works are in progress.
19. Kahaigaon STPP (Unit-4) Jan., 93
(Russian Aid) - Bihar March 96
- Due to delay in the supply of Russian materials and IR problems at site the contractors sought higher rates for balance works and slowed down the work. This
- Boiler erection work is in progress.

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			necessitated re-tendering of one of the major packages viz. HP piping.		
20.	Dadri Gas (Unit-6) (West Germany) - UP	Jan., 93 March 94	Delay due to major modification work of Bypass state Poor mobilisation by sub vendor of BHEL for TG.	Rs. 692.44 cr./ Rs. 960.35 cr.	Boiler erection work is in progress.
21.	Chamera H.E. Project (Stage-I) - HP (Canadian Assistance)	March, 1990 March, 1994	Delay in drawal of agreement with the Canadian Firms, Delay in obtaining Forest clearances, land acquisition, adverse geological conditions in underground works etc.	Rs. 809.29 cr./ Rs. 2400 cr.	The progress of the progress is being monitored and remedial measures are being taken.
22.	Dulhasi Hydro-electric project in J&K. (French Assistance)				The contract for turnkey execution of the project was awarded in September 1989 to a French consortium of firms led by M/s. Cegelec. The project was scheduled to be completed and commissioned in 57 months from the date of order to commence work which was given in October, 1989. The French Consortium suspended construction of works in the project in mid - 1992

- due to deteriorating security conditions in the project - area.
At present, Govt. of India is having dialogue with the French consortium to resolve this issue.
23. HBJ Gas Pipeline (French Assistance) Maharashtra, Delhi, UP, MP, Gujarat
Gail had awarded in May, 1986 a contract to a consortium led by M/s. Spie Capag of France, which also consisted of Toyo Engineering and NKK of Japan for construction of the HBJ pipeline project. The contract price amounted to approximately US \$ 568 million. A commercial dispute arose between the GAIL and the French consortium, due to which implementation of the project has been suspended for the time being. The issue is being sought to be resolved through negotiations between the concerned parties.
24. Northern Region Transmission System for Nathpa Jhakri Power Prj., HP, Punjab
Apr. 96/ Mar. 98
Project re-scheduled due to delay in commissioning of the generation project.
Rs. 1402.82 cr./
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Transmission system planned in such a way that it will be available in time matching with the evacuation requirement of the generation project.
25. Transmission System-Kathalguri Gas Based Power Prj. — Assam
Mar. 92/ May 95/
(i) The Prj. implementation rescheduled due to non-availability of adequate funds in time from the Govt. & delay in commissioning of Kathalguri Power Project.
Rs. 301.38 cr./
Rs. 686.45 cr.
(i) Transmission Project will be available for evacuation of power in time.
(ii) Matter taken up with the concerned State authorities from time to time to provide adequate security to the project authorities.
(ii) Law & Order Problems.
(iii) Difficult site conditions.

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26.	Transmission System- Farakka-II- Durgapur- Jhamshepur 400 KV line West Bengal	Jun. 92/ Mar. 94	(i) Law & Order Problem (ii) Cutting of erected tower parts and theft of strung Aluminium Conductor (iii) Poor performance by contractors.	Rs. 190.76 cr./ Rs. 252.47 cr.	(i) Matter taken up with the concerned State authorities from time to time. (ii) Additional security being provided by the local Police authorities. (iii) The entire system for one line which is primarily meant for providing reliability of the system.