

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3418
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LOKTAK DOWN STREAM PROJECT
HOLKHOMANG HAOKIP

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress of work in Loktak Down Stream Project in Manipur;
- (b) the amount of money spent so far on this project;
- (c) the time by which the project is likely to be completed;
- (d) whether the security expenditure for this project is included in the project cost; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : The Loktak Downstream Hydro-electric Project (90 MW), in Manipur was accorded investment sanction by the Government of India in December, 1999 at an estimated cost of Rs.578.62 crores at April, 1999 price level with the completion schedule as 78 months. However, due to adverse law & order situation prevailing in the State and non-availability of adequate security coverage, which is the responsibility of the State Government, the project could not take off and has been delayed inordinately. The expenditure incurred at the project till February, 2003 is Rs.20.56 crores. The project is expected to be completed within six and a half years from the date of start of work.

(d) & (e) : The security expenditure for the project is not included in the present sanctioned cost estimates.