

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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TEESTA HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the target date fixed for the completion of Teesta hydro electric project stage-III;
- (b) the progress made in the completion of that project; and
- (c) the names of States likely to be benefited from power project?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : Government of India has, on October 30, 2003, approved setting up of the Teesta Low Dam Stage-III Hydro Electric Project (132 MW) in West Bengal in the Central Sector by National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited (NHPC).

The completion schedule of the project is March 2007 as per the techno- economic clearance accorded by Central Electricity Authority to the project. Government of West Bengal had agreed to forego 12% free power and to absorb the entire power generated from this project. However, in the event of allocation of the power of this project to other State(s) by Ministry of Power, without any failure on the part of Government of West Bengal to absorb and pay for the power, the Government of West Bengal will get 12% free power.