

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1590  
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2003  
POSITION OF LOKTAK DOWNSTREAM HYDRO POWER PROJECT  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the 4 Mega power projects under taken under the Prime Ministers specialpackage for development of the North Eastern Region, the implementation of three projects has been delayed and the fate of the fourth one, namely Loktak downstream hydro power project still hangs in balance; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far in respect of each power project including clearance of the Loktak downstream hydro-power project, indicating details and cost of the projects?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : Under the Prime Minister's special package for the socio-economic development of the States in the North Eastern Region, the following schemes/projects have been taken up for development:

1. Approval of two Hydro electric projects in the Central Sector:
  - (i) Loktak Downstream Hydro Electric Project (90 MW), Manipur.
  - (ii) Teesta Hydro Electric Project (510 MW), Sikkim.
2. Advance action to ensure Subansiri Lower Hydro Electric Project (600 MW), Arunachal Pradesh is taken up for execution in 2001.
3. New Scheme for rural electrification of 500 Tribal Villages to be funded by Rural Electrification Corporation.
4. Assistance to be provided for completing on-going critical transmission/sub- transmission system.

Details of the above projects are given in Annexure.

**ANNEXURE**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO PART (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1590 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 11.12.2003.

Status of the Schemes/Projects under the Prime Minister's special package for the socio-economic development of the States in the North Eastern Region

| S. No. | Name of Scheme / Project                             | Status of Scheme / Project  |
|--------|--|---|
| 1.     | Loktak Downstream HEP (90 MW), Manipur               | The project was approved on 30.12.1999 for Rs.578.60 Crores for completion with in six & half years and execution by NHPC. Active implementation/ works could not be started due to law and order problems resulting in high cost of project (cost of security being part of project cost). |
| 2.     | Teesta HEP Stage-V (510 MW) Sikkim                   | The project was approved on 10.01.2000 for Rs. 2198.04 Crores for completion in 84 months and execution by NHPC. The civil works are in progress as power schedule and 60% of Hear Race Tunnel (HRT) heading has been completed. Power House & Transformer cavern has also been excavated.  |
| 3.     | Subansiri Lower HEP (2000 MW) Arunachal Pradesh      | Capacity of project is now 8x250 = 2000 MW. The project was approved on 9.9.2003 for Rs. 6285.33 Crores for completion in 7 years from approval and execution by NHPC. Infrastructure works are almost completed. Main civil works are under award and active civil works to start shortly. |
| 4.     | Electrification of 500 Tribal villages in North East | An amount of Rs. 12.96 Crores as Grant-in-Aid has been released as Central Assistance from the Central Pool of Resources for electrification of Tribal villages as detailed below:  |

(Rs. in crores)

State No. of Total fund Amount Physical  
Tribal requirement (Ist achievements  
villages instal-  
lment)

Arunachal 60 8.97 4.48 34 villages  
Pradesh electrified during  
2001-02. Works in the  
remaining 26 villages  
are in progress.

Assam 20 1.35 0.68 10 villages electrified  
Works in 10 villages  
are in progress. Works  
in the remaining 10  
villages is in progress

Meghalaya 10 1.49 0.75 3 villages electrified  
work in 27 villages in  
progress and work in  
30 villages will be  
taken up subsequently.

Nagaland 2 0.70 0.35 All 10 villages  
electrified.

Mizoram 3 0.68 0.34 Works in progress.

Manipur 60 11.29 5.64 Works in progress.

Tripura 10 1.44 0.72 5 villages electrified  
Works in remaining 5  
villages are in  
progress.

Total 165 25.92 12.96

The remaining 335 villages would be taken up under other  
schemes of central Government like Pradhan Mantri Gramodya  
Yojana (PMGY), Minimum Need Programme (MNP), etc.

5. Assistance to In Arunachal Pradesh the following four  
be provided for Assistance to schemes have been completed and the work is in  
completing on-going progress for the remaining schemes:  
critical  
transmission/ 1. 2 x 5 MVA Sub-Station at Nahalagun.  
sub-transmission 2. 2 x 3.15 MVA Sub-Station at Nirjuli.  
system 3. 2 x 5 MVA, 33/11 kV Sub-Station at Old-Ziro  
4. 33 kV Express line from Tago to Old Ziro.

In Sikkim the work is in progress.  
Augmentation of Tadong sub-station for  
referral hospital has been completed.

Work in respect of other States i.e. Assam,  
Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and  
Tripura is in progress.