

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ALAKNANDA HYDRO POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the construction work at the Alaknanda hydro power project in Uttarakhand has been stopped;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the present status of the project along with the total expenditure incurred on the project so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

(a) to (c) : Alaknanda Hydro Electric Project (3x100 MW) is being developed by M/s GMR Energy Limited in Uttarakhand. The project was accorded concurrence by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) on 8th August, 2008. Civil contracts are in advance stage of award. Electro-Mechanical bids are under evaluation, and the process for achieving financial closure is underway. However, forest clearance to the project has so far not been accorded by Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India and construction on major components like dam, etc. has not yet started.