

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TIPAIMUKH HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Tipaimukh Multipurpose Hydro-electric Project in Manipur is facing problems in its implementation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a delegation from Bangladesh visited India in this connection;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the present status and the projected date of completion of the project?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : No, Madam. However, Government of Bangladesh has shown concern regarding construction of Tipaimukh Dam Project (1500 MW) in Manipur and have requested for information on the Tipaimukh Dam. There have also been misinformed protests in Bangladesh regarding construction of the Project on Barak River. Government of India has shared information on the Project with the Government of Bangladesh and has also invited Bangladesh.

(c) & (d) : A Parliamentary Delegation from Bangladesh led by Mr. Md. Abdur Razzak, Chairman of the Standing Committee for the Ministry of Water Resources and former Minister for Water Resources of Bangladesh, consisting of MPs, experts and officials visited India on the invitation of the Government of India from July 29, 2009 to August 1, 2009. During the visit at New Delhi, a Presentation was organized for the Delegation to clarify issues related to the Tipaimukh Dam Project, highlight the mutual benefits of the Project which would accrue to both India and Bangladesh and to share details of the Project.

(e) : The Tipaimukh HE Project is yet to be taken up for construction. Techno Economic Clearance (TEC) has been granted by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and environmental clearance has also been accorded. The project is proposed to be implemented now by a Joint Venture among NHPC Ltd., Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd. (SJVN Ltd.) and Government of Manipur. The details of Joint Venture are yet to be completed. The project is scheduled to be completed in 87 months from the date of investment approval.