

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Monday, August 7, 1995 / Sravana 16, 1917 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at four minutes past Eleven of the Clock

[Mr. SPEAKER in the Chair]

WELCOME TO PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION FROM MOROCCO

[English]

Mr. Speaker : Hon'ble Members, at the outset, I have to make an announcement.

On my own behalf and on behalf of the Hon'ble Members of the House, I have great pleasure in welcoming His Excellency Mr. Mohamad Jalal Essaid, President of the House of Representatives of Morocco and the Hon'ble Members of the Parliamentary Delegation from Morocco who are on a visit to India as our honoured guests.

The other Hon'ble Members of the Delegation are:-

1. Mr. Mohamad Dabach
2. Mr. Abedelkebir Ben Zouina
3. Mr. Arriara Haj Amara
4. Mr. Mohamed Moussaoui
5. Mr. Mohamed El Basri
6. Mr. Idriss Lachgar
7. Mr. Mohamed Ben Zaroual
8. Mr. Ait M'barak
9. Mr. Abdeljalil Amrana

The Delegation arrived Delhi on 6 August, 1995 evening. They are now seated in the Special Box. We wish them a happy and fruitful stay in our country. Through them we convey our greetings and best wishes to His Majesty the King, the House of the Representatives, the Government and the friendly people of the Kingdom of Morocco.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[Translation]

Tehri Dam Project

*101. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government are continuously carrying out the construction of Tehri Dam Project;
- (b) if so, the total expenditure incurred on the construction thereof upto July, 1995;
- (c) whether the Union Government have now finalised the size and nature of this project;
- (d) if so, the total estimated cost of this project as per final decision taken regarding its construction; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) The construction work of Tehri Dam was suspended in April, 1992 on account of agitation and after a comprehensive review of the entire matter in the light of all the objections, it was decided to resume the work from March, 1994 onwards and since then the work is continuing with some interruptions.

(b) The total expenditure incurred on the Project until July, 1995 is Rs. 932 crores (provisional).

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The Tehri Hydro Power Complex comprising of the following at an estimated cost of Rs. 5583 crores is envisaged:

- (i) A rockfill Dam with (4x250 MW) Hydro Power Plant.
- (ii) A concrete Koteswar Dam downstream of Tehri with a (4x100 MW) Hydro Power Plant.
- (iii) A (4x250 MW) Pump Storage Plant at Tehri.
- (iv) Associated Transmission System.

However, the Union Government have finalised the size and nature of the Stage-I of the Project as under :-

	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Crores)
I. Tehri Dam and Hydro Power Plant Stage-I (1000 MW)	2815.00
II. Minimum essential works of:	
(i) Koteswar Dam & BPP (400 MW)	34.36
(ii) Pump Storage Plant (1000 MW)	114.30
III. Associated Transmission System for Stage-I.	371.00
Total :	3334.66

(e) It is now estimated that if the work is not interrupted, the Stage-I of the project should be ready by the year 2000 A.D.

[Translation]

SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Tehri Dam Project was envisaged in 1950 and the Planning Commission gave its approval in 1972. Since then, its construction work is being carried out at times and suspended at others. In between, the construction work was suspended for two years. Its cost was estimated at Rs. 194 crores when the decision of its construction was finalised. Today, its cost has escalated to Rs. 5583 crores. This dam project was first envisaged to be constructed with the collaboration of Russia which later backed out. Now the Central Government is going to construct this dam with the collaboration of Hydro Project. In the recent past, Shri Sunder Lal Bahuguna went on a fast unto death in protest against construction of this project when the hon. Prime Minister gave him an assurance of reviewing it afresh. After the Prime Minister's assurance, the hon. Governor met Shri Bahuguna and told him that a total review of the dam will be carried out and a committee will be set up