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RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN BADRINATH

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Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and the current status along with the progress of the riverfront development project in Badrinath, Uttarakhand undertaken by the Union Government in coordination with the State Government of Uttarakhand;
- (b) the name of the company to which the contract for the project has been awarded;
- (c) the details of the total funds allocated by the Union Government in this regard and also the breakdown of expenditure incurred for beautification, environmental restoration and infrastructure development;
- (d) the number of trees affected/fallen due to construction activities and the measures taken/being taken to ensure that infrastructure development including heavy construction activities are undertaken keeping in view the sensitive ecology of the region; and
- (e) whether any Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) has been conducted in this regard, if so, the details and findings thereof and if not, the measures implemented/being implemented to safeguard the fragile ecosystem of Badrinath?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (c) The project for Riverfront Development at Badrinath was awarded to State Mission for Clean Ganga, Uttarakhand and Shri Kedarnath Utthan Charitable Trust is the implementing agency and Public Works Department, Uttarakhand is the executing agency. The works were awarded to M/s Gawar Construction Limited. The total amount allocated for the riverfront development project is Rs. 59.21 crores and total expenditure incurred so far is Rs. 4.69 crores. The various phases of the project are at different stages of implementation with 2 phases showing 15-20 % completion, while 2 phases will be started after the site constraints are cleared.

(d) & (e) Projects are undertaken with the utmost sensitivity to the fragile Himalayan ecology. Hydrological studies were done by the National Institute of Hydrology for the project. The structural vetting for the project components has been done by the departments of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) BHU and IIT Guwahati. This project does not attract provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) notification as the construction project involves less than 20,000 sq.mts area. However, all environmental safeguards, including regulated construction practices and regular monitoring, are being adhered to in accordance with statutory guidelines. All prior approvals, including NOC from the state irrigation department, were taken prior to starting the work. Further, muck management plan prepared by IIT Roorkee is followed by the state PWD department.
