

## State Govt. to get about rupees thirty crores annually from Gati Power Project

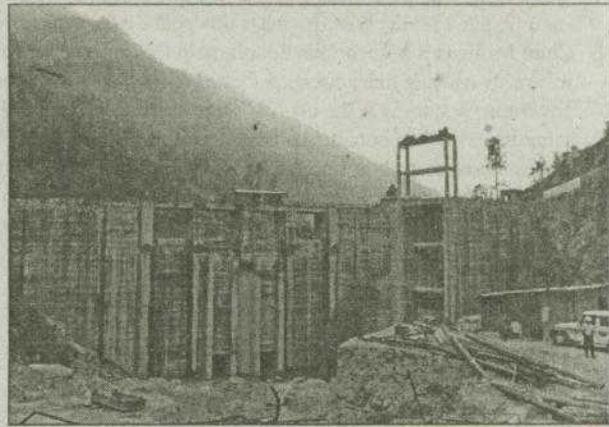
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The state government's efforts towards developing the hydro power potential of Sikkim is moving a step towards its success with a 99 mega watt hydro power project constructed by a private developer (Gati) at Chujachen set to be operational from June this year.

It is also mentioned that Gati was one of the first private developers to enter into an agreement with the State government with 99 MW project at Rongli along with 51.6 MW at Bhamsey over Rangpo River in East district.

From the day the hydro power project built over Rongli-Rangpo Rivers is commissioned, the government of Sikkim will be awarded with 12 percent free power of the total output as royalty fees annually for 35 years as per the agreement, informed the project head



Mr. RK Srivastava. Topping it will be another 2 percent free power annually to the government by the private developer, Gati Infrastructure limited, for use of power transmission system of the State Government.

The total of fourteen percent free power to the State Government if sold at the minimum rate of Rs. 3 per unit will come to about rupees thirty crores annually as revenue as explained by the project au-

thorities of Gati infrastructure.

The project works of Chujachen had started from June, 2007 and now is moving towards completion of the project by the third week of June this year. The total investment in the project comes to around Rs. 840 crores, Mr. Srivastava informed.

The water from Rangpo and Rongli rivers are collected in two

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dams with a reservoir capacity of 3.6 lakhs cubic meters each which is tunneled into the power station located eight kilometers away at Rongli under Pakyong subdivision for generation of hydro power.

The time project is operational, hydro power generated would be transmitted to over 23.6 kms of transmission lines to a 132 KV power station at Pongla, Namthang in South Sikkim from where it will be transferred to the rest of the country.

Furthermore the 99 MW Gati power project of Chujachen will be the second power project to be commissioned after the State Government gave priority to hydro power for revenue generation and awarded more power projects to NHPC and private developers some years ago.