

Nepal's Water Resources for Hydrel Power

6815. SHRI HARINATHA MISRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether hydrel stations will have to be set up in the upper reaches of the rivers which fall in Nepalese territories; and

(b) whether it is proposed to hold discussions with the Nepal Government on the utilisation of Nepal's immense water resources for hydrel power generation; if not, why not?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) Several Hydro Electric Projects like Karnali, Rapti, Kosi, Pancheshwar etc. will be located in the reaches of the rivers in Nepalese territories.

(b) Yes, Sir. The utilisation of water resources of Nepal is a subject of on-going discussions with HMG Nepal.

Supply of Coal from Singareni Collieries to Raichur Thermal Power Project

6816. SHRI B. V. DESAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to supply coal from Singareni Collieries to Raichur Thermal Project;

(b) if so, what is the total quantity of coal to be supplied to Raichur Thermal Project from the above collieries;

(c) how much has already been supplied up-till-now;

(d) whether the Union Government is also considering a proposal to set up washeries near the Raichur Thermal Power Project;

(e) if so, when the same is likely to be set up; and

(f) whether the demand of the Raichur Thermal Project has been fully met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated coal requirements for the Raichur thermal power station (2x210xMW) from the date of commissioning during 1983-84 onwards are as under:—

Year	Estimated coal requirement in million tonnes
1983-84	0.16
1984-85	0.65
1985-86	1.06
1986-87	1.30
1987-88	1.34 onwards

(c) As the power station is still in the initial stage of construction, no coal is required at present.

(d) and (e). There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(f) Coal requirement of Raichur thermal power project would be fully met.

Forming of National Gas Grid

6817. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are forming a National Gas Grid; and

(b) if so, whether it connects the gas available in the Andhra Coast?