GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WATER RESOURCES LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2282 ANSWERED ON:18.03.2002 DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND NEPAL ON HYDEL PROJECTS NAWAL KISHORE RAI;RAMJI LAL SUMAN

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether discussions were held between India and Nepal regarding construction of Hydel projects during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the details of the discussions held till date;
- (c) the names of projects discussed therein; and
- (d) the present status of each project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) to (d) Following river valley projects on the rivers emanating from Nepal are under discussions between Government of India and Nepal.
- (i) Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project on river Mahakali (Sarda in India)
- (ii) Sapta Kosi High Dam Multipurpose Project & Sun Kosi Storage cum Diversion Scheme on river Kosi.
- (iii) Kamla Multipurpose Project on river Kamla.
- (iv) Bagmati Multipurpose Project on river Bagmati.

The Detailed Project (DPR) for Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project is already under preparation jointly by India and Nepal. In respect of Sapta Kosi High Dam Multipurpose Projectand Sun Kosi Storage Cum Diversion scheme theInception Report has been finalized paving the way for field investigations and preparation of DPR. Regarding Bagmati and Kamla Multipurpose Project, the Joint effort of the Government of India and Nepal to sort out certain technical issues are under progress between the two countries.