

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:143  
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SMALL HYDRO POWER PROJECTS  
C. KRISHNAN

**Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any Small Hydel Power Projects are pending before the Government for clearance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to tap vast potential small hydel energy across the country ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a) & (b): The clearances for setting up of Small Hydro Power projects are provided by the respective State Governments. The Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources only provides the financial incentives applicable for such projects based on approved schemes and conditions thereof.

(c): Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources is providing various financial incentives for the development of small hydro power (SHP) projects, which includes assistance for conducting detailed Surveys & Investigation, preparation of Detailed Project Reports, capital subsidy for demonstration projects, interest subsidy for commercial projects and support for Renovation and Modernisation of old SHP projects. These incentives are presently available for SHP projects up to 3 MW capacity.