

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7436
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CHUTOK NIMOO BASGO HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER PROJECT
HASSAN KHAN

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal for development of Chutok and Nimoo Basgo hydro electric power project in J&K State; and

(b) if so, the present status of the projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : Yes, Sir. The Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Leh, had submitted a Memorandum to the then Prime Minister for the execution of the Nimoo-Basgo Hydro-Electric Project (30 Mega Watts) in Leh as a Central Sector Project. The Government of Jammu & Kashmir have conveyed their 'No objection' for implementation of the Project by National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) in the Central Sector only in February 2000. The Ministry of Power has thereafter asked NHPC to take up Survey & Investigation of the Nimoo-Basgo H.E. Project.

(b) : A copy of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the Nimoo-Basgo H.E. Project has been received by NHPC in March, 2000, on the advice of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir. The DPR is under examination in NHPC to assess its suitability for being taken up for execution. The Ministry of Power has given its consent under the relevant provisions of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 for NHPC to establish, operate and maintain the project. The Ministry of Power has also asked NHPC to take up the Chutok Hydro Project (18 MW) in Kargil to mitigate the problems being faced by the State. The NHPC has asked the State Government to hand over to them a copy of the Detailed Project Report of the Project.