

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HYDRO POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Union Government has received any feasibility report of four power projects of Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total amount required for completing these projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER(SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) to (c) : The Feasibility Reports of two Hydro Electric Schemes of Karnataka were received from National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) and their status is given as under:

(i) Shivasamudram Seasonal H.E. Project (2 x 135 = 270 MW) The Feasibility Report of Shivasamudram Seasonal Hydro Electric Project (2x135=270 MW) was submitted by NHPC to Central Electricity Authority (CEA) on 30.4.2002 for commercial viability with an estimated cost of Rs. 55,770.86 lakhs including IDC of Rs. 5,385.79 lakhs at April, 2002 price level. The commercial viability was accorded on 12th June, 2002. The proposal of Stage-II estimates was submitted by NHPC on 17.6.2002 and the same was returned to them on 24.6.2002 for want of inter-State clearance from Ministry of Water Resources / Central Water Commission.

(ii) Upper Krishna Cascade H.E. Project (2x35+2x65+2x35 = 270 MW) The Feasibility Report of Upper Krishna Cascade Hydro Electric Project (2x35+2x65+2x35 = 270 MW) was submitted to CEA by NHPC on 26.9.2003 for commercial viability of the project with an estimated cost of Rs. 98,459.23 lakhs at September, 2003 price level including IDC of Rs. 6,347.57 lakhs. The Feasibility Report was examined by CEA and comments/observations were forwarded to NHPC. NHPC did not reply to CEA's comments/observations raised on the feasibility report. However, NHPC had intimated on 12.4.2004 that the Government of Karnataka had not made any commitment on regulated flow of water and unless the actual data is observed for three years, NHPC has further intimated that the project being unviable with present scenario, it has been decided to close the project.