

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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KARNALI HYDRO POWER PROJECT  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the National Hydro Power Corporation (NHPC) proposes to set up upper Karnali Hydroelectric Power Project ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof ;
- (c) The estimated cost and power generation capacity of the project; and
- (d) The time by which it is likely to be set up?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

- (a) & (b) : National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) has shown interest to develop the Upper Karnali Hydroelectric Project (HEP) in Nepal provided the project is found commercially viable and ground conditions are conducive for implementation of the project. Government of Nepal is understood to be considering various options for the development of hydropower projects in Nepal, including the Upper Karnali, HEP.
- (c) :As the detailed project report is yet to be prepared, the estimated cost and power generation capacity have not been firmed up.
- (d) :As the Government of Nepal has not yet entrusted execution of the project to any developer, the time by which it is likely to be set up can not be indicated at this stage.