

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF SMALL HYDRO POWER PLANTS

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**Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether power from Small Hydro Power Projects in the country is cost effective and environment friendly;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has invited private companies for setting up the small Hydro Power Projects; and
- (c) if so, the details of private companies which have been allowed to set up such projects in the country; State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a): Small hydro-power (SHP) is one among the energies available from renewable resources having its own advantages and risk factors, which are location and site specific.

(b)&(c): Sixteen states have announced policies for attracting private investment in SHP projects. SHP sites are allotted by state governments to private companies based on their technical capabilities and financial status, in keeping with extant policies, mainly through competitive bidding.