

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1830  
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ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE TO POWER PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of power projects are pending with the Government for environmental clearance;
- (b) if so, the details of such pending projects as on January 31, 2007;
- (c) whether any steps is being taken to expedite the clearance of these projects; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA):

- (a) & (b) As on 31.01.2007, 36 projects relating to thermal power and 8 projects relating to hydropower were pending for environmental clearance.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) Ministry of Environment and Forests have adopted 'Good Practice Guidelines' which inter-alia include holding of regular and more frequent meetings of Expert Appraisal Committees as per predetermined schedule, not to insist on clearance from other Regulators for consideration of applications for environmental clearance and seeking additional information comprehensively rather than in piecemeal for expeditious clearance of projects