GOVERNMENT OF INDIA POWER LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2221 ANSWERED ON:14.03.2008 HYDRO POWER GENERATION Sai Shri Nand Kumar;Tripathy Shri Braja Kishore

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote private sector participation in Generation of Hydro Power in the country as reported in the Hindustan Times dated January 4, 2008;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (c): The article titled 'Yarn makers Alps launches power subsidiary' in the 'TheHindustan Times' dated January 4,2008 is not based on any official release from the Governmentbut merely seeks to project the foray of a particular private company into development of hydel projects. The Government has taken various steps to promote private sector participation in the power sector development including hydro power development.