

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether a number of hydro power projects in collaboration with Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar are in progress in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Sapt Koshi High Dam multipurpose project and Sapt Koshi Storage-cum-Diversion Schemes are to be implemented in collaboration with Nepal;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the country's share in power produced in Arun-III hydro power project (400 MW) and Upper Karnali project after their completion; and
- (f) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

(a) & (b): No hydro power project in the country is presently under construction in collaboration with Nepal & Myanmar. In Bhutan, one project namely, Punatsangchhu-I (1200 MW) is under construction with cooperation between India & Bhutan.

(c) & (d): The Sapta Kosi High Dam Multipurpose Project and Sun Kosi Storage-cum- Diversion Scheme in Nepal is a mutual benefit project and has been proposed to be implemented jointly by the two countries. Sapta Kosi High Dam Multipurpose Project would provide irrigation and flood control benefits in Bihar apart from generation of power, a major portion of which would be available for export to India.

(e) & (f): As per the Memorandum of Understandings (MoU's), 21.9% of the power generated from Arun-III project and 12% of the power generated from Upper Karnali Project will be provided free of cost to the Government of Nepal and balance can be exported to India. In accordance with the MoUs, Arun-III project & Upper Karnali project are likely to be commissioned within seven & half years and seven years respectively from the date of issue of survey license.