

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HYDRO POWER PROJECTS IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has carried out any environmental impact assessment of the hydro power projects proposed to be constructed in Arunachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : Environmental Impact Assessment studies are being carried out for every individual H.E. Project by the project developer as per Terms of Reference approved by MoEF and the project is not taken up for construction unless environment clearance is accorded by MoEF. Moreover, Ministry of Environment & Forests have awarded Environment Impact Assessment Studies for Lohit Basin to Water & Power Consultancy Services (WAPCOS) in 2009. An Inter-Ministerial-Group (IMG) headed by Secretary Ministry of Water Resources has recommended that for Siang and Subansiri basin, Central Water Commission (CWC) should get the Environment Impact Assessment studies conducted in consultation with Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF). The finalized Terms of Reference (TOR) for above Environment Impact Assessment Studies will be given by MoEF to CWC.