

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1695  
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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF ATHIRAPPALLI POWER PROJECT  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has conducted an environmental impact study on proposed Athirappalli Power Project in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the final decision taken by the Government on the implementation of the project?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a) As required by the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 1994 the EIA Report was prepared by the project proponent, namely the Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB).
- (b) Does not arise, in view of the reply to part (a) above.
- (c) On the basis of representation received from Shri Rajendra Singh regarding the impact of the project on biodiversity and local tribals, a showcase notice was issued on 04.01.2010 to the KSEB which is under examination by the Expert Appraisal Committee for River Valley and Hydroelectric projects.