GOVERNMENT OF INDIA POWER LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2845 ANSWERED ON:24.07.2009 HYDRO POWER PROJECTS Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some hydro-electric power projects in the country are in a bad state;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government to increase the power generation potential of these projects?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The power generation during April to June 2009 from hydro projects (Installed Capacity more than 25 MW) was less than the targets fixed by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in case of 95 schemes out of total 145 schemes. The list of hydro electric projects in which actual generation was less than target during April to June is given at Annex.

Hydro power generation depends mainly on the availability of water from rainfall in the catchment area and snow melting during premonsoon period and water levels in the reservoir as existing in the beginning of the year as well as irrigation requirements/releases. All these factors are nature based.