

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDIA OPTING OUT FROM MYANMAR PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 1200 MW Tamanthi and 600 MW Shwezaye Hydro Power Projects were drawn up in 2006 under 2004 cooperation agreement between Myanmar and India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total investment so far made by the Government on these two projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (c) India and Myanmar signed an MoU in October 2004 for the development of the Tamanthi (1200MW) and Shwezaye Hydroelectric(642MW) Power Projects. The pre-feasibility reports on the projects was prepared by the National Hyrdoelectric Power Corporation Ltd.(NHPC) in April 2005. In September 2008, an MoU was signed between the Ministry of Electric Power-1, Government of Myanmar and NHPC on "Hydropower Development Projects in Chindwin River Basin" for suggesting modifications/additional studies that may be required for establishing the techno-commercial viability of the two projects. NHPC's review/appraisal report submitted to the Government of Myanmar in December 2008 indicated the need for additional investigations to update the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs). The agreements for updating the DPRs on the Tamanthi Hydroelectric Power Project and Shwezaye Hydropower & Multipurpose Project were signed between Ministry of External Affairs and NHPC in January 2010. NHPC submitted its interim report on the Tamanthi Hydroelectric Project in October 2010 and on the Shwezaye Hydropower and Multipurpose Project in May 2011 and has indicated that the final DPRs will be submitted in October 2011 and March 2012, respectively. Total expenditure incurred by the Government on preparation of DPRs for the two projects so far is Rs. 29,11,92,000.