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DELAY IN COMMISSIONING OF HYDROPOWER PROJECTS

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

- (a) whether the Government has received complaints from certain quarters regarding delay in commissioning of various hydro power projects resulting in lesser power generation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for delay, project-wise; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government for early commissioning of the various hydro power projects, which are under construction?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER ( SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL )

(a) to (c) : A hydro capacity of 4710 MW has been commissioned so far, as against the Mid-Term Review target of 8237 MW for the 11th Plan. Another hydro capacity of 1491 MW is likely to be commissioned during the remaining current financial year. Thus, a total hydro capacity of 6201 MW is likely to be commissioned during 11th Plan. The major reasons for delay in commissioning of balance hydro capacity of 2036 MW are land acquisition problems, resettlement & rehabilitation problems, law & order problems, geological surprises during the construction phase, etc. Project-wise details along with reasons for delay for such projects are given at Annex. To ensure timely commissioning of ongoing projects various steps such as rigorous monitoring at different levels including the Ministry of Power, the Central Electricity Authority, the Power Project Monitoring Panel and Advisory Group so as to resolve issues/bottlenecks faced by the developers, enhancement of main plant equipment manufacturing capacity by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, `Adopt an ITI` initiative to overcome the shortage of skilled manpower, etc. have been taken up.