

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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THAMANTI DAM
Baite Shri Thangso

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a joint venture project of India and Myanmar Government for construction of Thamanti dam across Chindwin river within Sagaing Division of Myanmar bordering with India (Manipur);
- (b) if so, the details of capacity of power generation by the project and also the damage to be caused in terms of property of people residing upstream and the environmental effect on the regions; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to redress the grievances?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES & MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) Government of India and Government of Myanmar signed an Agreement in 2008 for development of Chindwin River Valley. Based on this Agreement, NHPC was asked to undertake additional investigations and prepare the Detailed Project Report (DPR) on the Thamanti Hydro-Electric Power Project (HEP). NHPC has completed the DPR on Thamanti in October, 2011.

(b) & (c) Thamanti HEP is estimated to generate a total of 1200 Megawatts (MW) of electricity. As per DPR, approximately 41092 persons of 7411 households would be affected due to the construction of proposed Thamanti Project. Total area under submergence is estimated to be about 1374 sq.km. Reservoir area would cover from Tazon village to Hkanti. Most of the areas under submergence is forest land. The Social and Environmental Impact Assessment studies are included in the DPR of Thamanti Hydro-Electric Power Project.