

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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POWER PROJECTS ON THE RIVER GANGA  
Annayyagari Shri Sai Prathap

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

- (a) the number of power projects proposed to be commissioned on river Ganga;
- (b) whether the Government has recommended for not allowing the nearly 34 power projects proposed to start on the River Ganga and its two tributaries due to fear of irrevocable harm likely to be caused to Uttarakhand bio-diversity; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): Presently, six hydro-electric projects (installed capacity greater than 25 MW), aggregating to 2469 MW are under construction on the river Ganga and its tributaries and are likely to be commissioned as per the details given in Annex-I.

Besides the above, Detailed Project Reports (DPR) of eleven hydro-electric projects (installed capacity greater than 25 MW) on the river Ganga and its tributaries aggregating to an installed capacity of 3155 MW were received by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for concurrence. Details of these projects are given at Annex-II.

(b) & (c): No, Madam. However, the construction work of the under-construction Loharinag Pala H.E. Project (600 MW) on the river Bhagirathi has been scrapped by the Government due to environmental considerations. Similarly, the Bhaironghati HEP (381 MW) and Pala ManeriHEP(480 MW) on river Bhagirathi, which are yet to be taken up for construction have also been scrapped for environmental considerations.