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ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT OF HYDEL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of hydel projects are being coming up on Himalayan water bodies including Ganga;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether environmental groups are against it and demanding for their scrapping;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have examined the ecological impact of these projects;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Presently, 40 hydro-electric projects (25 MW & above) aggregating to 11981 MW are under construction on Himalayan water bodies including Ganga. The list of such projects is enclosed at Annex.

(c) to (g): The works of 3 Hydro-electric projects are held-up/ discontinued due to various reasons. The details of these projects are as under :

Sl. No.	Name of Project/ Executing Agency/ Sector/I.C.(Sector)	Reasons/Remarks
	Uttarakhand	
1.	Loharinag Pala NTPC (Central) 4x150 = 600 MW	Works suspended from 20.02.2009 due to environmental concerns. The Government vide order dated 24.12.2010 communicated the decision of National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) to discontinue the project.
2.	Srinagar GVK Industries(Pvt.) 4x82.5 = 330 MW	Ministry of Environment & Forests has issued notice on 30.05.2011 to stop the works due to shifting of Dharidevi Temple.No ecological impact is involved in stoppage of the work.
	Ar.Pradesh./Assam	
3.	Subansiri Lower NHPC(Central) 8x250 = 2000 MW	Works stopped since 16.12.2011 due to agitation launched by Anti-dam activists construction of the project in against view of downstream impact and safety of

dam.A Technical Expert Committee, constituted by the Planning Commission and the Joint Steering Committee, constituted by NHPC Ltd. have recently examined the issues and given certain recommendations in respect of dam safety and mitigation of downstream impact respectively.