

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2455
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CLEARANCE TO HYDRO POWER PROJECTS
Toppo Shri Joseph

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposed to review the clearances of Hydro Power Projects in North-Eastern States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is resentment from the people against such Hydro Power Projects; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to consider the environmental and geological impact of such projects before giving clearances to these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) & (b) No Sir.

(c) & (d) While appraising hydropower projects for granting environmental clearance, the issues of rehabilitation, environmental and geological impact are taken into account and addressed.