

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POWER PROJECTS OF NHPC
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the projects/power stations run by the National Hydro Power Corporation Limited (NHPC) in Sikkim;
- (b) the progress made under these projects;
- (c) whether the NHPC has undertaken Rehabilitation and Resettlement activities for Project Affected People; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with any other development initiatives undertaken by the NHPC in Sikkim?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) & (b) : Two Hydro-electric Projects i.e. Rangit (60 MW) and Teesta Stage- V (510 MW) are under operation/being run by NHPC Limited in Sikkim. These projects were commissioned in 1999 and 2008 respectively.

(c) & (d) : In respect of Rangit Project, 45 Project Affected Families have been rehabilitated as per the approved Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) Plan. An amount of Rs. 201.65 lakhs was allocated for the purpose. Similarly, 62 Project Affected Families in Teesta Stage-V Project have been rehabilitated as per approved R&R Plan at a total cost of Rs. 766.35 lakhs.

Some of the common activities taken up under R&R Plan are as follows:-

Compensation for land, house and other properties.

Construction of community/training centre, primary health centre and shopping sheds including building and furniture, medical care from the project hospital.

Providing approach roads, drainage, water, electricity, sanitation etc.

Free education to the children of Project Affected Families.

In addition, NHPC has taken up the following development initiatives under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in Sikkim:

Renovation/protection works in Government Schools and construction of temporary structures/sheds for these schools. Providing vocational training to rural youth, scholarship to meritorious SC/ST students, distribution of computers, furniture, library books etc., to various schools.

Providing infrastructural community development works, rain shelters, water supply system and improvement of sanitation facility, construction of roads and upgradation of existing roads in villages.

Organizing medical camps, upgradation of dispensaries, establishment/ upgradation of maternity centers etc.

Providing relief material during the earthquake, contributing towards Chief Minister's Relief Fund for the earthquake victims, providing technical training assistance to farmers for improving agricultural productivity, promoting rural supports/local culture through sponsoring local festivals.

Establishment of an ITI at Chandey, North Sikkim.