

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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HYDRO POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of hydro power projects approved by his Ministry with Bhutan Government, project-wise;
- (b) the total amount approved, released and pending from the Finance Ministry for the purpose and the quantum of power to be imported from Bhutan along with the price per unit;
- (c) whether the interest on investment of capital on these power plants are likely to be adjusted against the unit price of power to be imported from Bhutanese Government;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the delay in releasing funds may increase the project cost; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the alternate method proposed for financing these projects?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Under the bilateral co-operation between India and Bhutan for development of Hydroelectric Projects in Bhutan, presently six (6) hydroelectric projects have been approved by the Government of India. Out of these, three hydroelectric projects have already been commissioned and three hydroelectric projects are under execution. The surplus power generated from these projects is / would be exported to India. The details of these projects including the total amount approved, released and balance funds and the quantum of power imported from three commissioned projects during the last three years is at Annex.
- (c) & (d) The Ministry of External Affairs has informed that the interest on the investment is not adjusted against the unit price of the power. Under the current arrangement, the tariff is mutually agreed upon between the Royal Government of Bhutan (RGoB) and the Government of India. The agreement between the two Governments includes provision for review of tariff from time to time.
- (e) & (f) It is expected that funds would be made available for all under construction hydroelectric projects on time so that work can proceed unhampered.