GOVERNMENT OF INDIA POWER LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1643 ANSWERED ON:07.03.2013 HYDRO POWER PROJECTS IN PRIVATE SECTOR Bishnoi Shri Kuldeep

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of Hydro Power projects allotted to the private sector are yet to be started;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including their estimated power generation capacity along with the reasons for delay in this regard; and
- (c) the details of the initiatives taken by the Government to exploit the hydro power generation potential of the country particularly in the North-Eastern States to bridge the demand and supply gap of power generation?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) A total number of sixteen hydro-electric projects under private sector with an aggregate installed capacity of 11,919 MW have been concurred by Central Electricity Authority(CEA) since 2002 which have not yet been taken up for execution due to various reasons. Details of these projects are given at Annex.
- (c) The Government has adopted multi-pronged strategy for augmenting hydel capacity addition and hydro power generation in the country including for North-Eastern States. Some of the policy measures and initiatives taken by the Government including investor-friendly New Hydro Policy, 2008, liberal National Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy, renovation, modernization and life extension of old hydel generating units, incentives for completion of projects ahead of schedule, etc.