

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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HYDRO POWER POLICY

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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has formulated and notified the new hydro power policy to augment the hydro power generation in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the policy; and

(c) the difference in terms of percentage between the cost of power generation from hydro & thermal power projects in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

(a): Yes, Madam. The Government has formulated and notified the New Hydro Policy, 2008 on 31-03-2008.

(b): The salient features of the policy are described at Annex.

(c): The all India average rate of sale of power for the year 2007-08 in respect of Hydro & Thermal power generating stations is as given below:

All India average rate of sale of power (in Paise/Kwh#)

Year	Hydro Power	Thermal Power
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2007-08	153.85	202.80
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# Kilowatt Hour

As can be seen, average rate of sale of power generated from thermal power station is 31.82% higher than that of power generated from hydro power stations.