

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2600
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2015
HYDRO POWER PROJECTS WITH NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES
Venugopal Shri K. C.

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the hydro power projects set up in the county in collaboration with the neighbouring countries;
- (b) whether the Government has entered into any agreement with the neighbouring countries on power and hydro projects and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to have inter-grid connectivity with the neighbouring countries including Bangladesh and Nepal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, COAL AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) : No, Madam.

(b) to (d) : Yes, Madam. The details of Agreements with the Neighboring countries on power and hydro projects are given below:

Bhutan:

(i) A frame work Inter Governmental Agreement with Bhutan on the development of four Joint Venture Hydropower Projects through the Public Sector Undertakings of the two Governments has been signed in April, 2014.

Nepal :

(i) An Agreement between the Government of Nepal and the Government of the Republic of India on `Electric Power Trade Cross-Border Transmission Interconnection and Grid Connectivity` was signed between the Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Government of Nepal and Secretary (Power), Ministry of Power, Government of India on 21.10.2014 at Kathmandu in Nepal.

(ii) After the signing of an Agreement between the Government of India (Ministry of Water Resources, RD & GR) and the Government of Nepal in September, 2014, Pancheshwar Development Authority (PDA) was constituted for development of 5600 MW Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project.

(iii) The Project Development Agreement (PDA) for the 900 MW Arun III Hydro Power Project between the Indian PSU, SJVN Ltd. and the Investment Board of Nepal was signed in November, 2014

Bangladesh

(i) In October 2013, the intergrid connection between India and Bangladesh was established with commissioning of 500 MW HVDC converter station at Bheramara-Behrampur.