

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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GENERATION OF POWER FROM RIVER KOSI.
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to conduct a study for generation of power from river Kosi by utilising the vast influx of water from Himalaya and Nepal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Government of India and Government of Nepal have agreed to set up Sapta Kosi High Dam Multipurpose Project, a mutual cooperation project. The project is located on river Kosi about 1.6 km upstream of Barakhshetra in Nepal, to generate power by utilising the vast influx of water from the Himalayas in Nepal.

A feasibility report on the project was prepared by Central Water Commission in 1981. The project would afford irrigation and flood control benefits in Bihar and power generation (15730 MU) of which a significant portion would be available to India. In addition, development of Inland Waterways through Kosi and Ganga rivers would be additional important component of the project.

The Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the project was targeted to be completed by February, 2015. However, due to prevailing Law & Order situation in Nepal, the progress of works has been adversely affected.