

**Kerala State Hydro Power Projects
Awaiting Centres Clearance**

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Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kerala Government has submitted proposals for ten hydro-power projects in the State in the current Plan for the Union Government's clearance;

(b) if so, the names and other details of the projects;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Union Government have given clearance for 34 projects in various

states but none in Kerala; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) to (d). The Project Reports of 8 multi-purpose/hydroelectric schemes have been received from the Government of Kerala. Out of these schemes, Kallada hydroelectric scheme (2×7.5 MW) has since been cleared by the Central Electricity Authority and recommended to the Planning Commission for an investment decision.

The present position regarding the remaining 7 multipurpose/hydroelectric schemes is given in the Statement, laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

| Scheme | Installed capacity (MW) | Estimated cost (Rs. in crores) | Date of receipt of project report | Present status of project report |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. Lower Periyar | 3×60 | 59.76 | 1976 | Project report has been examined in Central Electricity Authority/ Central Water Commission and Deptt. of Power and comments sent to the project authorities. With a view to expedite the processing of the scheme, project authorities were requested to depute their engineers to CEA and CWC for discussion. The project engineers have now come for discussions. The project will be cleared after the project features and cost estimates are finalised. |
| 2. Karapara-Kuriarkutty Multi-purpose Project | 95 | 48.55 | 1979 | The project report examined in CEA/CWC and comments were forwarded to Project authorities. In spite of the repeated requests replies to these Comments are awaited. Being a multi-purpose project, the project would have to be first approved by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Planning Commission. Thereafter, the power portion would be considered by the Central Electricity Authority. |

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| 3. Mananthawady Multi-purpose Project. | 4×60 | 73.68 | 1980 | The Project has been examined in the CEA/CWC and Deptt. of Power and comments has been forwarded to the Project authorities in Nov., 1980. While replies to some of the comments have been received in March, 1981, replies for other are still awaited. As the project involves the westward diversion of waters of Mananthawady river, a tributary of Kabini (Cauvery Basin) for Irrigation and Power generation, the inter-State aspects of this project would need to be resolved. Being a multi-purpose project, the project would have to be cleared first by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Planning Commission. Thereafter, power portion would be considered by the Central Electricity Authority. |
| 4. Kuttiyadi Augmentation Scheme | — | 13.05 | 1976 | The Project report has been examined in CEA/CWC and comments has been sent to the Project authorities. Replies to certain comments received recently are under examination. The project involves westward divers on of waters of Karamanthodi river, a tributary of Kabini in Cauvery Basin, into Kuttiyadi basin to augment the power generation at the existing Kuttiyadi Power House. The inter-state aspects of the scheme need to be resolved. The scheme would be considered, for techno-economic clearance after the inter-state issues are resolved and project features are finalised. |
| 5. Pandiyar Punnapuzha Tailrace | 2×35 | 21.95 | 1972 | The project report has been examined. However, the scheme, as proposed, would utilise the regulated discharges of Pandiyar Punnapuzha HE Scheme of Tamil Nadu, which has not been sanctioned so far. The Tamil Nadu Scheme involves inter-state issues which are to be resolved before the scheme could be considered for clearance. The Pandiyar Punnapuzha Tailrace (Kerala) could be considered for clearance only after a decision on the implementation of the Tamil Nadu Scheme is taken. |

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| 6. Silent Valley | 2×60 | 58.00 | 1977 | The project has been cleared by the Central Electricity Authority in Feb., 1979. However, in view of the serious reservations expressed by Environmentalists and Ecologists all over the World, the matter is under re-examination. |
| 7. Puyankutty Hydel Project | 750 | 565.15 | April, 1981 | The project report is currently under examination in the CEA/CWC and Deptt. of Power. The scheme would be considered for techno-economic clearance, after its technical and economic feasibility is established. |

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* 32. श्री राजेन्द्र प्रसाद यादव : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत सरकार द्वारा प्रकाशित अंग्रेजी पत्रिकाओं के समान हिन्दी पत्रिकाओं को सुविधाएँ तथा सम्पादकीय दर्जा दिए जाने के बारे में नीति सम्बन्धी निर्णय ले लिया गया है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इस नीति निर्णय के बावजूद "आविष्कार" और "भगीरथ" जैसी हिन्दी पत्रिकाओं में सम्पादक की बजाय सहायक सम्पादक कार्य कर रहे हैं और अंग्रेजी पत्रिका "योजना" तथा "कुरुक्षेत्र" के सम्पादकों को "प्रधान सम्पादक" दर्जा दिया गया है ; और

(ग) सरकार की नीति के प्रति उदासीनता को समाप्त करने तथा दोषी अधिकारियों को दण्डित करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री बल्लभ साठे) (क) जी, नहीं। हिन्दी की पत्रिका-

काओं और अंग्रेजी की पत्रिकाओं के सम्पादकीय स्टाफ को उपलब्ध की जाने वाली सुविधाओं के बीच कोई भेदभाव नहीं है।

(ख) "आविष्कार" नामक पत्रिका सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय द्वारा प्रकाशित नहीं की जाती। "भगीरथ" नामक पत्रिका को केन्द्रीय जल आयोग की ओर से प्रकाशन विभाग द्वारा केवल मुद्रित किया जाता है। तथापि, "भगीरथ" पत्रिका के हिन्दी सम्पादकीय स्टाफ को वही दर्जा और सुविधाएं उपलब्ध हैं जो तत्पूरुपी अंग्रेजी सम्पादकीय स्टाफ पर लागू होती हैं। पहले, हिन्दी पत्रिका की देख रेख सहायक सम्पादक द्वारा की जाती थी, किन्तु अब 1100—1600 रुपये के बतनमान में सम्पादक का एक पद सृजित कर दिया गया है। जैसे ही सम्पादक लग जायेगा, सहायक सम्पादक के पद को समाप्त कर दिया जाएगा। केवल "योजना" में प्रधान सम्पादक का एक पद है, क्योंकि "योजना" दस भाषायी संस्करणों में प्रकाशित होती है। "कुरुक्षेत्र" में प्रधान सम्पादक का कोई पद नहीं है।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।