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support in getting required clearances for availability of land and water etc. The State Government has also agreed to construct a dam on river Garhi, a tributary of Damodar river, to meet water requirement for the project. The State Government has been requested to take up construction of the dam matching the project schedule.

Power projects in Bihar

† 1200. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up new power projects in the country particularly in Bihar, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the details of the power projects approved by the Government during Ninth Plan; and

(e) whether any effective measures are being taken or contemplated by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) As on 30.6.2000, twenty four proposals with a total capacity of 9136.46 MW were under examination by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for grant of techno-economic clearance (TEC). In so far as Bihar State is concerned, a proposal for setting up of a super thermal power plant at Barn by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) (3x660 MW) in Central Sector is under consideration for grant of TEC.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

In addition to the above the following power projects are proposed to be set up in Bihar:

Name of Project	Capacity (MW)	Agency
3. North Karanpura	3x660	NTPC
3. Kahalgaon Extn.	2x660	NTPC
3. Koel Karo	4x172.5+1x20 MW	NHPC
3. Maithon	1000 MW	Joint Venture of DVC and BSES

(c) It is estimated that the feasible capacity addition during the 9th Plan may be of the order of 28097.2 MW which includes 277 MW in the State of Bihar. The list of projects which are likely to be commissioned/already commissioned during the 9th Plan are as under:

Name of Project	Installed Capacity (MW)	Commissioning Schedule
6. Chandil HEP	8.00	2001-02
6. Eastern Gandak	5.00	Already commissioned.
2. North Koel	24.00	2001-02
2. Jojobcra TPP	240.00	2001-02
Total	277 MW	

(c) The Government is closely monitoring the ongoing projects through the Empowered Committee and various Task Forces which have been set up for this purpose. For Private Sector Projects, Government has constituted a Crisis Resolution Group to resolve the last mile problems.