

concurrency examines various technical aspects including the dam safety and design of various structures in consultation with Central Water Commission (CWC) and Geological Survey of India (GSI). The site specific seismic studies are also carried out and put up to the National Committee on Seismic Design Parameters for their recommendations on seismic design parameters for detailed design of different components of the project.

In North East Region (NER), a majority of the Hydro Electric schemes, identified/allotted for implementation so far are run-of-river (ROR) type Hydro Electric Project with limited storage which may not have any significant impact on the pattern of flows in the downstream. Where mega dam are being permitted for construction in N.E Region, extensive studies/investigations are carried out before finalization of features of the project and suitable actions are taken to protect the people in the downstream from any disaster.

Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) studies for the hydro electric projects are carried out by the project proponents as per the guidelines of Ministry of Environment & Forests (MOEF) which involve preparation of Disaster Management Plan (DMP) to identify inundation area, population and structures likely to be affected due to flood in the event of dam failure. Emergency Action and Management Plan including measures like preventive action notification, warning procedure and action plan for co-ordination with various authorities is also prepared.

#### **Withdrawal from proposed NTPC railways power project**

838. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC has decided to withdraw from the proposed captive power project with Railways in West Bengal over ownership issues;

(b) whether, the India's biggest power generation utility, NTPC wanted more than the 26 per cent stake that was being offered; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to solve this problem amicably?

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

(a) No proposal is in place for setting up of a captive power project in West Bengal jointly by NTPC and the Ministry of Railways.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of the reply as at (a).