

Hydro-electric projects in Himachal Pradesh

†901. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state

(a) the number of new hydro-electric projects started by the Central Government in Himachal Pradesh during the last two years and upto March, 2011;

(b) the details of funds allocated to each project and proposal;

(c) whether the Central Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh regarding setting up of new hydro-electric projects in the coming years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, the date of its receipt and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) and (b) No new hydro-electric project has been started by Central Government in Himachal Pradesh during the last two years and upto March, 2011.

(c) and (d) Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of two Hydro-electric Projects (HEPs) have been received in Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for concurrence from Government of Himachal Pradesh in connection with setting up of new hydel projects in the coming years. The details of these projects are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Installed Capacity (MW)	Month of Receipt	Status of Concurrence of CEA
1.	Sainj HEP (HPPCL)/State Sector	2×50= 100	September, 2009	Concurred by CEA on 29.12.2010.
2.	Shongtong Karcham HEP (HPPCL)/State Sector	3×150= 450	November, 2010	DPR returned in March, 2011 due to non-replying of various comments of CEA/CWC (Central Water Commission).

Expenditure on rural electrification

902. SHRI P. RAJEEV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of the money is being spent by the Ministry for rural electrification; and

(b) the achievement made in terms of households covered under rural electrification during the last two years, State-wise?

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