

#### **NHPC'S power projects in West Bengal**

2918. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether NHPC has decided to install its project in West Bengal, particularly in Darjeeling;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government for speedy completion thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) and (b) NHPC is constructing two hydro-electric projects namely Teesta Low Dam-III (132 MW) and Teesta Low Dam-IV (160 MW) in Darjeeling district of West Bengal.

(c) For speedy completion of these projects, NHPC has taken various steps *e.g.* day to day monitoring of various activities of projects at Project as well as Corporate level, emergency action plan at work sites for safety preparedness in case of high discharges in the river etc. Further, the Government has put in place the following mechanism to monitor the progress of the projects under construction:

- Central Electricity Authority (CEA) is performing the duties of monitoring of the power projects in pursuance of 73 (f) of Electricity Act, 2003. The progress of each project is monitored continuously through frequent site visits, interaction with the developers, critical study of monthly progress reports. Chairperson, CEA holds review meeting with the developers and other stakeholders to sort out the critical issues.
- A Power Project Monitoring Panel (PPMP) has been set up by the Ministry of Power to independently follow up and monitor the progress of the hydro projects.
- Review meetings are taken by Ministry regularly with the concerned officers of CEA, equipment manufacturers, State Utilities/CPSUs/Project developers, etc.

#### **Himachal Pradesh Clean Energy Development Programme**

2919. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Asian Development Bank project worth \$ 800 millions under the Himachal