

Lower Dam (Part-II) along with issues related to flood, bank erosion and sediment control. Also, as recommended by Inter-Ministerial Group headed by Secretary(Water Resources), a cumulative environment impact assessment study of Lohit Sub-basin has recently been completed by WAPCOS and studies for Subansiri and Siang sub-basins have been commissioned by Central Water Commission.

Skill development by NTPC

4935. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has targeted to create 500 million skilled workers by 2023;

(b) whether NTPC proposes to start best engineering college, diploma and I.T.I. Institutes to create more skilled persons and use their skills for its plants; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether there is any specific plan for Odisha?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) The P.M.'s National Council on Skill Development has set a target of 500 million skilled persons by 2022.

(b) and (c) NTPC, is presently funding one Engineering College as Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) at Raipur (Chhattisgarh). NTPC has also adopted 18 existing ITIs under "Adopt an ITI" initiative of Ministry of Power launched in July, 2007 for the upgradation of Government ITIs to create a base of skilled manpower for the Power Sector. Besides this, NTPC is also setting up 09 new ITIs for skill development at its various project locations as given below:

Sl.No.	Project	Place
1.	Pakri-Barwardih	Barkagaon, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand
2.	Rihand	Naktu, Sonebhadra, U.P.
3.	Sipat	Baloda, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh
4.	Nabinagar	Nabinagar, Aurangabad, Bihar
5.	Bongaigaon	Salakati, Kokrajhar, Assam
6.	North Karanpura	Chatra, Jharkhand
7.	Jhajjar	Salhawas, Jhajjar, Haryana.
8.	Korba	Korba, Chhattisgarh
9.	Solapur	Solapur, Maharashtra

In Odisha, NTPC has adopted one ITI in Dhenkanal district under PPP scheme.