

New rules for electricity supply from IPPs

4243. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has framed new rules to get electricity supply from Independent Power Producers (IPPs);
- (b) whether the States have been consulted before framing these rules; and
- (c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) No, Sir. The Government has not framed new rules to get electricity supply from Independent Power Producers (IPPs).

- (b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Action on POC report on Subansiri Lower Hydro Electric Project

4244. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the action being taken on the two reports submitted to Government by Project Oversight Committee (POC) members of Assam and Central Government in January/February, 2016 for Subansiri Lower Hydro Electric Project;
- (b) the details of projects to maintain and control the downstream of Subansiri river in Assam; and
- (c) the amount of budget allocated and released during 2016-17 to maintain and control Subansiri river in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) Ministry of Power, after having examined both the reports in detail, decided to endorse the report submitted by the expert members nominated by Government of India (GoI). Both the reports of Project Oversight Committee (POC) have been submitted to the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), duly endorsing the POC (GoI) report, *vide* its affidavit filed before the Hon'ble NGT on 24.08.2016.

(b) and (c) To control and maintain the downstream of River Subansiri in Assam, three Projects, namely, Subansiri Upper Project, Subansiri Middle Project and Subansiri Lower Project have been envisaged as cascade development of River Subansiri in Arunachal Pradesh. NHPC Ltd. has also taken up River Bank Protection/Erosion Control Measures in Assam upto 30 Km. downstream of Dam, to be executed in three Phases, at a cost of ₹ 145 crore, of which ₹ 35 crore has been released during 2016-17.