

12 bids have been received for 10 blocks by the last date for receipt of bids of 30.6.94.

(c) and (d). Bids are under evaluation.

Hydro Electric Potential

*11. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the tremendous hydro-electric potential of Northern and North-Eastern regions;

(b) if so, the estimated hydro-electric potential in those regions; and

(c) the details of the hydel units cleared in the Northern and North-Eastern regions during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE): (a) and (b). The Hydro-electric Potential assessed by Central Electricity Authority in the Northern and North-Eastern Regions is 30155 MW and 31857 MW respectively at 60% load factors.

(c) The hydel projects accorded investment approval by the Planning Commission with respect to state sector projects and by the Government of India for Central Sector projects in the last 3 years are indicated in the *Statement* attached.

STATEMENT

Hydroelectric Projects in Northern & North-Eastern Regions cleared by Planning Commission/Government of India during the last 3 years

Region/State/Name of the Project and Implementing Agency	Installed Capacity (MW)	Estimated Cost (Rs. Crores)	Date of Sanction
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1991-92

Northern Region

Dhauliganga St. I (NHPC) (Central Govt. Undertaking)	4x70=280	601.98	8.4.91
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North-Eastern Region

Nuranang (Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh)	3x2=6	9.85	19.8.91
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Region/State/Name of the Project and Implementing Agency	Installed Capacity (MW)	Estimated Cost (Rs. Crores)	Date of Sanction
Serlui 'B' (Govt. of Mizoram)	2x4.5=9	41.57	31.10.91
1992-93			
Northern Region			
Nil			
North-Eastern Region			
Nil			
1993-94			
Northern Region			
Tehri St. I (UP) THDC (Joint Venture of Govt. of India and Govt. of Uttar Pradesh)	4x250-1000	3391.40	15.3.94
Shahpurkandi (Govt. of Punjab)	2x40+2x40+ 1x6=168	895.08	5.7.93
North-Eastern Region			
Kopili St. I Extn. (NEEPCO) (A Central Govt. Undertaking)	2x50=100	111.00	14.5.93

Telecom Expansion

- *12. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAIISI:
SHRI D. VENKATESWARA
RAO:

(a) the quantum of funds required by the Government for development and expansion of telecommunication network;

(b) whether Sweden has agreed to help India in tele-communication expansion programmes;

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: