

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF HYDRO POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to set up a hydro power project on the Farakka barrage in West Bengal; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The Detailed Project Report of Farakka Hydroelectric Project (5x25= 125 MW) in West Bengal prepared by the Central Water Commission (CWC) and received in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for techno-economic clearance was found in order by CEA on 11.11.1991 subject to certain conditions for execution by Farakka Barrage Hydro-electric Project Authority under the Ministry of Water Resources. The Project is awaiting environmental clearance. The construction, operation and maintenance of the Hydro-electric Project shall have to be done in such a way that the safety and security of the barrage is not put to any risk and the rail and road traffic is not interrupted due to construction activities. Ministry of Water Resources has agreed to hand over the execution of the Farakka Barrage HE Project to National Hydro-electric Power Corporation.