

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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PARBATI DAM
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent Kullu Valley disaster was due to inferior construction of `Parbati` dam to generate hydel power against all ecological balance norms there; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government on the hydel power project?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : No, Sir. There is no dam in the Garsa valley where the recent cloud burst took place. The cloud burst in this case took place above 14000 ft. and carried trees and other debris leading to flooding. In this valley, the maximum effect of the cloud burst was felt near `Bulya Nallah` where very little construction has taken place.

National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) which is executing Parbati Hydro-electric Project Stage-II (800 MW) is undertaking the construction activities after fulfilling the mandatory requirements and after obtaining the statutory environment and forest clearances etc.