

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HYDRO POWER PROJECTS IN SIKKIM
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up Teesta-IV and Rangit-II hydroelectric power projects in Sikkim;
- (b) if so, the details of the power generation capacity and funds allocated for these projects;
- (c) whether an Environmental Impact Assessment has been conducted by the Government in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

(a) & (b) : NHPC Ltd., a Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) proposes to set up Teesta-IV Hydro-electric Project (HEP) [520 MW] in Sikkim. The project is presently under survey and investigation for preparation of Detailed Project Report. Rangit-II HEP in Sikkim envisaging an installed capacity of 66 MW is proposed to be developed in the private sector by Sikkim Hydro Power Ventures Ltd. Since Rangit-II is proposed to be developed in private sector, funds allocation from Government is not envisaged.

(c) to (e) : Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in both cases are being done by the developers. In regard to Teesta-IV, NHPC is getting the assessment done through Centre for Inter Disciplinary Studies of Hill and Mountain Environment (CISHME), New Delhi. The project authority (NHPC) of Teesta-IV HEP has not yet submitted the EIA report for this project. Scoping clearance (i.e. approval of Terms of Reference [TOR]) has been given on 10.04.2009. EIA of Rangit-II has been completed and the project has been given Environment clearance on 10.06.2009.