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Title: Need to clear the proposal of Tamil Nadu Government for setting up a Hydel project in Kollimalai Hills in Rasipuram constituency of the State.

DR. V. SAROJA (RASIPURAM): Sir, the Government of Tamil Nadu has sent a proposal to the Government of India in November, 2002 for the 1 X 20 MW Hydel Project in Kollimalai hills in Rasipuram Parliamentary constituency in Tamil Nadu. The project costs about Rs.60 crore and has been jointly initiated by tourism, Tribal Development and Electricity Board of Tamil Nadu Government. The project will cater not only to the population of more than ten lakhs but also to thousands of tiny and small industries located in Namakkal district. Though the Ministry of Environment and Forests has been requested many times to clear the project, the Ministry has not cleared the same so far. I urge upon the Government to clear the project without any further delay.