

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 21.12.2009
ANSWERED ON
DEMANDS OF HYDRO POWER DEVELOPERS .

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Will the Minister of COAL/COALPOWER be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the State-run utilities along with private sector players, in a bid to exploit 1,50,000 MW hydro potential of the country, have unanimously demanded immediate steps to simplify land acquisitions and securing of environmental and forest clearances;
- (b) if so, whether the developers have stated that land acquisition is an area of concern which requires to be addressed by the State Governments;
- (c) whether developers have also pointed out basic infrastructural facilities like road connectivity, communication, etc. need to be provided by Government to attract investment and expeditious implementation of the hydro power projects; and
- (d) if so, what were the other main points mentioned in their demands?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF POWER

(SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (d) :A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 453 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE RAJYA SABHA ON 21.12.2009 REGARDING DEMANDS OF HYDRO POWER DEVELOPERS.

(a)& (b) :The Government has not received any unanimous demand, made by State-run utilities along with private sector players regarding immediate steps to simplify land acquisitions and securing environmental and forest clearance. However, during various meetings with the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), State utilities as well as Independent Power Producers (IPPs) have expressed their concerns about problems faced in land acquisition and getting environmental / forest clearances. In case of forest clearance, the Project Developing Authorities have indicated that getting the requisite clearances takes long time.

(c) & (d) :Other issues raised by the IPPs relate to non-availability of hydrological data, lack of power evacuation system, etc. Some IPPs have also raised the issue of non-availability of power at the construction stage and lack of infrastructural facilities, like road-connectivity and communication-system.