

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF POWER

RAJYA SABHA

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ANSWERED ON

STATUS OF LOWER SUBANSIRI HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT .

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SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING POWER be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government is aware that the expert committee's report which studied the Lower Subansiri hydro-electric mega dam, suggested that the project needs to be reviewed and redesigned;
- (b) if so, the details of the action taken; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

(a) to (c) :The draft report on Downstream Impact Study of Subansiri Lower HE Project which was awarded by NHPC to an Expert Group from Guwahati University, Dibrugarh University and IIT Guwahati in May, 2008, has been received by NHPC. In the draft report, Expert Group has made many recommendations including re-designing of Lower Subansiri Hydroelectric Project, not to consider the Himalayan foothills south of Main Boundary Thrust (MBT) for any mega hydro power project, upstream catchment treatment, raising of Subansiri river embankments, etc. This is only a draft report and final report of the Expert Group is still awaited.