

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 06.12.2010**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**HYDEL PROJECT IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH .**

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SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS

Will the Minister of COALENVIROMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a huge protest against construction of Hydel Project capacity of 20,066 MW in West and East Siang and some portion of lower Dibang Valley district of Arunachal Pradesh;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that these areas fall under seismic zone V which witnessed 87 major to minor tremors since 1993;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and of the action taken therefor; and
- (d) the details of diversity effect and down stream effect of the dams assessed by the concerned authority before signing the MoU?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a) The Ministry has received representations against construction of Lower Siang Hydro Electric Project (2700 MW) in East Siang district and Dibang Multipurpose Project (3000 MW) in Dibang Valley district of Arunachal Pradesh.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) While appraising the proposals for granting Terms of Reference for preparation of Environment Impact Assessment report, the project proponents are advised to undertake a site specific study on earthquake parameters. The results of such studies are also examined by the National Committee of Seismic Design Parameters (NCSDP).
- (d) The biodiversity and downstream impacts of the hydro power projects are assessed by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) for River Valley and Hydro Electric Projects constituted by this Ministry as per the provisions of Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006.