

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2880
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2018

CLOSURE OF HYDRO PROJECTS DUE TO ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIONS

2880. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:

Will the Minister of **POWER**
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that several hydro power projects on Alaknanda and Bhagirathi rivers were closed due to environmental objections;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government is taking any steps to operationalise these power units?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER AND
NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) & (b) : Hon'ble Supreme Court, vide its order dated 13.08.2013, directed not to grant any further Environmental and Forest Clearances to the Hydro Electric Schemes (HES) in the state of Uttarakhand until further orders. However, Hon'ble Supreme Court, vide its order dated 12.10.2015, clarified that the order dated 13.08.2013 prohibiting Environmental and Forest Clearances to HE Schemes in the State of Uttarakhand is applicable to 24 HE Schemes only. The details of such Schemes are furnished in the **Annexure**.

(c) : In compliance of the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) constituted a fresh Expert Body headed by Dr. B. P. Das on 03.06.2015 to carry out Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) and Carrying Capacity Study (CCS) in the upper reaches of river Ganga and its tributaries. The Expert Body has submitted its draft final report to MoEF&CC in September, 2017.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2880 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE RAJYA SABHA ON 20.03.2018.

List of 24 Projects in Uttrakhand

Sl. No.	Name of The Projects	Installed Capacity (MW)
1	Bal Ganga II	7
2	Jhala Koti	12.5
3	Bharon Ghati	381
4	Jalandrigad	24
5	Siyangad	11.5
6	Kakoragad	12.5
7	Kotlibhel IA	195
8	Karmoli	140
9	Jadhganga	50
10	Rambara	76 (24)
11	Kotlibhel IB	320
12	Alaknanda	300 (30)
13	Khirao Ganga	4
14	Urgam II	5 (3.80)
15	Lata Tapovan	171 (170)
16	Malarijhelam	114
17	Jelamtamak	128 (126)
18	Tamaklata	250
19	Bhyundarganga	24.3
20	Rishiganga I	70
21	Rishiganga II	35
22	Birahiganga I	24
23	Gohana Tal	60 (50)
24	Kotlibhel II	530
	Total	2944.80 (2608.60)
