

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1597
ANSWERED ON 20.12.2022

DUGAR HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

1597 # MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI:

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

- (a) the estimated cost of Dugar Hydroelectric Project, located in Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh and the units of electricity that would be generated annually from it;
- (b) whether there is a provision to provide free electricity to the families affected by this power project; and
- (c) if so, the number of units of electricity which would be provided free of cost?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) : The Dugar Hydroelectric Project (500 Mega Watts) was accorded concurrence by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), on 26.04.2022, for an estimated completion cost of ₹ 3987.34 crores, including Interest During construction (IDC) of ₹ 568.16 crores, excluding the grant of ₹ 262.86 crores towards creation of enabling infrastructure. Design energy of the project is 1759.85 Million Units (MUs) per year.

(b) & (c) : The Hydro Power Policy, 2008 of the Government of India provides for free energy corresponding to 100 units of electricity per month for a period of 10 years to the Project Affected Families (PAFs). Accordingly, a similar provision has been incorporated in the Implementation Agreement signed between Government of Himachal Pradesh and NHPC Limited, wherein NHPC has agreed to deposit an amount equivalent to the price of 100 units of electricity per PAF, per month, for a period of 10 years to Local Area Development Committees (LADCs) of the districts.
