

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF POWER

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1746**  
ANSWERED ON 15.12.2025

**REVIEW OF NHPC PROJECTS AND LIGNITE THERMAL POWER PLANT  
IN RAJWAR HANDWARA**

**1746 SHRI CHOWDRY MOHAMMAD RAMZAN:**

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

- (a) whether NHPC currently operates six hydropower projects in J&K Salal (690 MW), Uri-I (480 MW), Dulhasti (390 MW), Sewa-II (120 MW), Uri-II (240 MW) and Kishanganga (330 MW) with a total capacity of 2,250 MW;
- (b) the present status in the 850 MW Ratle and 1,000 MW Pakal Dul joint venture hydroelectric projects;
- (c) whether NHPC's projects are being transferred to the UT Government after having recovered the total cost and profit since long; and
- (d) whether BHEL's thermal power project initiated at Nichhama Rajwar Handwara was abandoned in 1989 due to militancy and whether Government plans to revive it, if so, by when?

**A N S W E R**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

**(a):** Yes. NHPC Limited is currently operating six hydropower projects in the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) namely Salal (690 MW), Uri-I (480 MW), Dulhasti (390 MW), Sewa-II (120 MW), Uri-II (240 MW) and Kishanganga (330 MW) with a total installed capacity of 2,250 MW.

**(b):** The 850 MW Ratle and 1,000 MW Pakal Dul hydroelectric projects are under construction and are being implemented through Joint Venture (JV) Companies formed between NHPC Limited and Jammu & Kashmir State Power Development Corporation (JKSPDC).

The Ratle hydroelectric project is being implemented through Ratle Hydro Power Corporation Limited (RHPCL), a JV between NHPC Limited and JKSPDC. As on 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2025, the project has achieved physical progress of about 26% and is scheduled for commissioning by November, 2028.

The Pakal Dul hydroelectric project is being implemented through Chenab Valley Power Projects Limited (CVPPL), a JV between NHPC Limited and JKSPDC. As on 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2025, the project has achieved physical progress of about 75% and is scheduled for commissioning by December, 2026.

**(c):** Transfer of any hydropower projects to the respective State / UT Government is governed by the provisions and conditions stipulated in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) / Agreements executed with the State Government / UT Administration.

**(d):** No information is available in the Ministry of Power regarding thermal power project at Nichhama Rajwar Handwara. However, Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL) is carrying out lignite exploration in the Nichahom Block, District Kupwara. This exploration work is aimed at generating reliable geological data for the development of the Nichahom lignite deposit.

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