

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.948
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**SAFETY AUDITS ON HYDROELECTRIC POWER PROJECTS IN KISHTWAR,
J AND K.**

948 SHRI SAJJAD AHMAD KICHLOO:

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

(a) the number of workers fatalities and serious injuries recorded at CVPPL/NHPC hydroelectric Power projects sites going on in district Kishtwar during the last five years, project-wise detail along with the compensations paid to victim's families; and

(b) whether statutory safety audits of tunnels and dam sites are conducted periodically by an independent authority and the details and findings of the last such audits?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) : A total of 35 fatalities and 03 serious injuries have been reported during the last five years at NHPC Limited/CVPPL Hydro Electric Projects (HEPs) in Kishtwar district of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. The project-wise details are given below:

S. No.	Name of HEP	Fatalities		Serious injuries	
		(in number)	Compensation (in ₹)	(in number)	Compensation (in ₹)
1	Pakal Dul	16*	2,76,14,600	-	-
2	Kiru	08	1,20,21,968	-	-
3	Kwar	05*	29,43,375	3	35,30,727
4	Ratle	06	99,16,725	-	-

*For 2 cases in Pakal Dul HEP and 3 cases in Kwar HEP, compensation amount has been processed and will be disbursed after completion of the due process.

(b) : The safety audits/ inspections of hydroelectric projects are carried out through independent agency. One such audit has been carried out by British Standards Institution (BSI) in the year 2024 for Kiru HEP reporting some minor non-compliance such as :

- i. Timely reporting of incidents/accidents to the Head Office,
- ii. Training of drivers and operators before deploying at sites and periodic training,
- iii. To have adequate stock of electrical resistance rubber mat,
- iv. Strict compliance with PESO Act.

The corrective action plan suggested in the audit has been complied by the project.

Further, a Joint Safety Committee, comprising representatives of project developer and respective contractors, regularly reviews all safety-related aspects and monitors compliance with the safety requirements.
