GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF POWER LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.175 ANSWERED ON 09.12.2021

HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECTS

*175. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK NIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any policy for construction of hydro-electric projects in the country particularly in the hilly regions/States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to have a comprehensive policy in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.175 ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 09.12.2021 REGARDING HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECTS.

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): Government of India has issued the Hydro Power Policy, 2008 for development of Hydro Power Sector in the country including hilly states. Subsequently, the Government of India has also notified measures to promote Hydro Power Sector on 8th March, 2019 which include, inter-alia, declaring Large Hydro Projects as renewable, tariff rationalization measures, budgetary support for flood moderation and enabling infrastructure. The Hydro Purchase Obligation (HPO) trajectory, for the period 2021-22 to 2029-30 has also been notified by the Government on 29.01.2021.
- (c): The policy of the Government for promoting hydro-electric projects is comprehensive.
