

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2778
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HYDRO POWER POLICY 2008

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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a provision to supply 13 per cent of the electricity generated from hydropower projects free of cost to the home/host State concerned under the Hydropower Policy, 2008 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has considered the possibility of providing 15 per cent or any other suitable percentage of such electricity free of cost to the States hosting the inter-States wind and solar energy projects and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the action taken in this regard, the committee constituted, the proposal under consideration and the time by which such proposal is likely to be implemented;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to formulate any new policy taking into account the utilization of land, natural resources and infrastructure by the host States; and
- (e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be formulated and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

- (a) As per the Hydropower Policy, 2008 released by Ministry of Power for large hydropower, 12% free power is to be provided to the Host State Government from a hydropower project. This is supplemented by an additional 1% free power, which is earmarked for the Local Area Development Fund (LADF) for providing a regular stream of revenue for income generation and welfare schemes, creation of additional infrastructure and common facilities, etc.
- (b) & (c) At present, there is no such proposal to allocate 15% of the electricity generated in the inter-state wind and solar power plants to the hosting States, free of cost.
- (d) & (e) At present, there is no such proposal under consideration.
