

Private Member's Resolution given by Mr. Qaiser Jamshed Lone, Hon'ble MLC.

**"This House resolves that all the power projects be returned by NHPC to the State."**

**Reply**

As mentioned in the paragraph 4.3 of Power Budget Speech by the Finance Minister, the Government would actively pursue transfer of hydel projects from NHPC and the budget provides funds for meeting the operation and maintenance cost of such power projects to be transferred from NHPC.

On 16 March 2015 the Deputy Chief Minister and the Finance Minister met the Union Power Minister formally and have impressed upon the Union Government the need for transfer of power projects of Dul Hasti and Uri from NHPC to State among other important issues of power sector.

The issue of return of power projects was taken up by the State Government with the Government of India earlier. In September 2009, then Union Power Secretary wrote a D.O. letter to then Chief Secretary of J&K saying that the issue of return of Salal and Dul Hasti Power Projects should be considered as "settled and closed".

In 2011, a Cabinet Sub Committee was constituted to look into various issues arising from the terms & conditions of entrustment of hydroelectric projects to NHPC. The Cabinet Sub Committee submitted its recommendation which were accepted by the Cabinet in February 2012. Subsequently, JKSPDC was authorised to work out the present cost of following projects on the basis of internationally accepted norms to form a basis for further negotiations with NHPC/Gol:-

- i. 690 MW Salal HEP
- ii. 480 MW Uri-I HEP
- iii. 390 MW Dulhasti HEP
- iv. 07 Projects transferred to NHPC vide MoU of July 2000 viz 240MW Uri-II, 330 MW Kishanganga, 120 MW Sewa-II, 1020 MW Burser, 45 MW Nimo Bazgo, 44 MW Chutak and 1000 MW Pakaldull

Out of the Projects entrusted to NHPC during the course of time, while Salal, Uri-I, Dulhasti, Sewa-II, Uri-II, Nimo Bazgo & Chutak HEPs have been commissioned, Kishanganga is in advanced stage of Completion by NHPC. However, Burser is still at DPR stage with NHPC & Pakaldull has been transferred to Joint Venture of JKSPDC, NHPC & PTC. JKSPDC took up the matter with NHPC for furnishing of details for the purpose and despite repeated requests by JKSPDC, NHPC did not respond to these requests and did not provide the details. In the absence of details from NHPC, JKSPDC worked out the cost on its own without formal involvement of NHPC by using the documents available in the public domain like audited balance sheets and Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) orders. An independent Consultant was hired for the purpose and based on these documents the Consultant has calculated the present cost of Salal, Uri-I, Dulhasti, Uri-II, Sewa-II, Nimo Bazgo and Chutak HEPs. The report of the Consultant is under examination in the Jammu & Kashmir Power Development Corporation.

  
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