

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

SEMINAR ON ISSUES IN EXPLOITING HYDRO POWER IN INDIA
September 21, 2010, Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi, 10 am- 04:30 pm

Registration

10:00 – 10:15 am

Inaugural Session

10:15 – 11:00 am

Introductory Remarks by the Chair

- **Mr. Surendra Singh, Former Cabinet Secretary, Government of India**

Inaugural Address

- **Mr. Rakesh Nath, Technical Member , Appellate Tribunal for Electricity**

Key note Address

- **Mr. Sudhir Kumar*, Joint Secretary (Hydro), Ministry of Power**

Session-I

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Government

Industry

Activist

Role of Hydro in India's Energy Scenario

- **Central Electricity Authority***
- **Mr. Himanshu Vishnoi**, Senior Vice President (Finance), Athena Demwe Power Limited

Challenges of hydropower Development- A private sector perspective

- **Mr. Shankar Sharma**, Consultant, Electricity Industry

Issues in Hydro Power in the backdrop of the Integrated Energy Policy

Session-II

12:30 – 02:00 pm

Industry/Government

Activist

Costs and Benefits of Hydro

- **Dr. T.K. Ghosh**, NEERI

No evidence of negative impact of hydro projects on water quality

- **Shri Swami Chinmayananda**, Former Union Minister

Evidence of negative impact of hydro projects on water quality

- **Dr. Bharat Jhunjhunwala**, Former Faculty, IIMB & Consultant, ODI

Environmental impacts of harnessing river water for hydropower generation

Lunch

02:00 – 03:00 pm

Session-III

03:00 pm – 04:00 pm

Industry/Government

Activist

Global Warming, Environment and Hydro

- **Dr. Soumitri Das**, Fellow, TERI

Hydropower helps reduce carbon emissions-a pressing global necessity

- **Mr. Himanshu Thakkar**, Coordinator, Centre for Water Policy & Editor, Dams Rivers and People

Developed countries saving their rivers and asking developing countries to destroy their rivers

Vote of thanks

04:00 pm

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