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**Commissioning of projects must be absolutely according to schedule and
there must be no cost or time overrun: Governor to NHPC**

The National Hydroelectric Power Corporation, Itanagar, Executive Director Shri Shyamal Mitra called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 18th May 2016. Shri Gobind Baidya, General Manager, NHPC, Tawang and Shri K. Riram, Deputy Manager accompanied the Executive Director in the meeting. The Executive Director and General Manager, NHPC, Tawang briefed the Governor on the NHPC projects in the State and Tawang District.

The Governor emphasised that there must be a balance between development and the environment considerations. For overall and large interest of the State and Region, the NHPC must ensure adequate compensation to the affected people, including the people in downstream by providing alternative livelihood, quality land, resettlement and other facilities as per norms and guidelines of Govt. of India. Agricultural fields, endangered species of flora and fauna, like Orchids and Black necked Cranes should be preserved as well.

The Governor advised the NHPC officials to take extra steps to expedite the project work and take in confidence of the village elders, Gaon Burahs, Panchayati Raj functionaries and elected representatives.

The Governor stressed that the commissioning of projects must be absolutely according to schedule and there must be no cost or time overrun.

The Governor said that till big projects are commissioned, small and medium size hydro project must be taken up to meet the power requirement and such small projects should be supported by the state Government.

The Governor, who has been stressing on Higher Education in the State, asked the NHPC to expedite the process of setting up of the proposed Science and Technology Collage in Tawang District at the earliest under Corporate Social Responsibility.

Shri BS Hada, Additional Secretary to Governor was also present in the meeting.

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