

Report on the Visit of Chairman & Managing Director, SJVN to Kathmandu, Arun-3 Project sites, Upper Arun and Arun-4 Project w.e.f. 25.12.2022 to 29.12.2022.

Sh. Nand Lal Sharma, Chairman and Managing Director, SJVN along with Sh. Akhileshwar Singh, Director (Finance), SJVN reached Kathmandu on 25.12.2022 and took a detailed meeting i.r.o. status of ongoing projects of SJVN in Nepal. Sh. Arun Dhiman, CEO and Sh. Rakesh Sehgal, CGM (Design) briefed CMD, SJVN about the ongoing works i.r.o. under construction 900 MW Arun-3 HEP, 669 MW Lower Arun HEP and 490 MW Arun-4 HEP and assured Sh. Sharma for early completion of Arun-3 HEP. Sh. Sharma also discussed avenues about expansion of SJVN's presence in Nepal by allotment of more projects to achieve 5000 MW by 2030.

On 26.12.2022, Sh. Nand Lal Sharma visited Power House site of Arun-3 HEP and initiated a series of inaugurations starting from the commencement of concreting of GIS building raft followed by Transformer Hall Service Bay raft concreting, welding of Draft Tube Liner of Unit #1, concreting of Control Room slab and concreting of right abutment of bridge on river Arun in the august presence of Director (Finance), SJVN. Sh. Sharma extensively reviewed progress of all major components of Power House Complex such as Switchyard, Transformer Hall, Machine Hall and conveyed his satisfaction on the progress of ongoing construction activities. He also chaired meetings with M/s Patel Engineering Ltd. and BHEL representatives and exhorted them to work dedicatedly and in close coordination to achieve Project commissioning target ahead of schedule by Dec., 2023 to avoid time & cost overruns.

Sh. Sharma comprehensively reviewed the BHEL supply status and highlighted its criticality in Project completion and directed BHEL to ensure supply in line with commissioning schedule of Dec., 23. He also suggested some design changes for the future projects to expedite the construction activities such as increasing load carrying capacity of gantries to be erected by civil contractors to facilitate EM Works in the early stages of construction till availability of final EOT Cranes. Similarly, Draft tube liner be extended upto downstream wall of Machine hall to avoid complex formwork of civil works. Sh. Sharma then reviewed the progress of Surge Shaft excavation before flying towards dam site.



(Inauguration of GIS Raft Concreting)



(Inauguration of Transformer Hall Service Bay Raft Concreting)



(Inauguration of DT Liner Welding of Unit-1)



(Reviewing PH Complex Works)



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(Meeting with PEL & BHEL representatives)

He reached dam and moved directly to dam site where he reviewed the progress of dam concreting of different blocks and the balance excavation of right bank. He directed M/s Jaiprakash Associates Limited (JAL) representatives to work diligently and consistently to complete dam concreting by Oct., 23 so as to achieve Project commissioning target of Dec., 23. Sh. Sharma also visited the dam right bank top and Head Race Tunnel from Adit-1 before chairing a meeting with M/s JAL representatives at site office. He emphasized on the importance of timely completion of construction activities to achieve Project commissioning without any time cost overrun and directed M/s JAL to strive for the same. He also urged all SJVN employees & representatives of contractors to follow safety protocols and Covid appropriate behaviors all the times amidst the recent surge in the spread of the virus in some parts of the Asian continent.



(Reviewing Dam site works)



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(Reviewing Dam site works)



(Reviewing Dam site works)



(Dam concreting works)

On 27.12.2022 morning, Sh. Nand Lal Sharma along with Director (Finance), CEO and CGM (Design) flew from dam site and took an aerial review of the entire Arun valley upstream of Arun-3 Project upto Kimathanka taking note of Arun-4 (490 MW) and Upper Arun (1091 MW presently with Nepal Electricity Authority) project locations before landing near Upper Arun dam site where CGM (Design) briefly explained the project layout. Sh. Sharma also assessed the dam and power house site locations of Arun-4 HEP and discussed future course of action w.r.t. Arun-4 HEP.

Sh. Sharma then landed at Adit-2 site of Arun-3 HEP and visited Face-4 and Face-3 of HRT from Adit-2. He asked M/s SSNR representative to strive to complete its scope of work in scheduled time and directed M/s PEL to resolve all payment related issues so that uninterrupted construction activities can be carried out in Adit-2 and Adit-3 HRT.



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Sh. Sharma then visited SAPDC Tumlingtar office and chaired meetings with contractor representatives of 400 kV Transmission Line Works i.e. M/s KEC (Tower Packages contractor) and M/s GE (Sub-station Package contractor) and asked them to increase resources and achieve Transmission Line project completion by June, 2023. He also took review of Hydro-mechanical works being carried out by M/s Om Infra Limited and directed for early resolution of all issues to expedite procurement of balance quantity of steel liner to achieve scheduled commissioning of the Project by Dec., 23. He also addressed all SJVN and SAPDC employees and directed that everyone should strive hard to achieve Project completion target of Dec., 23 before flying back to Kathmandu along with Director (Finance) and CEO.



(Meeting with M/s KEC & GE for TL Works)



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(Meeting with M/s Om Infra Ltd. for HM works)



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(Addressing SJVN & SAPDC employees)



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On 28.12.2022, Sh. Sharma, Chairman & Managing Director, SJVN called upon Hon'ble Prime Minister of Nepal Sh. Pushpa Kamal Dahal at Kathmandu. Sh. Nand Lal Sharma apprised the Hon'ble Prime Minister about all business activities in Arun Valley Projects and Associated Transmission System being implemented by SJVN in Nepal. Sh. Sharma praised Govt. of Nepal for providing their unrelenting support to SJVN and briefed that SJVN is targeting to commission Arun-3 Hydro Project ahead of schedule and also commence the construction of Lower Arun Hydro Project as soon as requisite approvals are in place.

Sh. Nand Lal Sharma further discussed about the development of vast hydro potential of Nepal. He emphasized on the benefits of One Basin One Developer approach in speedy and economically viable execution of the projects and in overall socio-economic development of the region. Sh. Sharma requested Hon'ble Prime Minister to consider SJVN for development of more hydro projects in Nepal.

Hon'ble Prime Minister expressed satisfaction with the progress of projects and appreciated the role of SJVN in power sector cooperation between Nepal & India. He assured his full support in execution of all projects of SJVN and for optimum development of hydro power potential of Nepal.



(Meeting with Hon'ble PM of Nepal)



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Sh. Nand Lal Sharma, CMD, SJVN Limited also met Deputy Prime Minister & Finance Minister Sh. Bishnu Prasad Paudel at Kathmandu on 28.12.2022. Sh. Sharma apprised the Deputy Prime Minister about all business activities in Arun Valley Projects and Associated Transmission System being implemented by SJVN in Nepal. He also briefed about the acceleration measures taken by SJVN to mitigate impact of global pandemic on construction activities of Arun-3 Project. The timely completion of the project will be an important milestone in Hydro Power Cooperation between the two nations.

Deputy Prime Minister & Finance Minister Sh. Bishnu Prasad Paudel expressed satisfaction at the progress of projects and assured all support from Government of Nepal for expeditious execution of the projects. Matter related to development of hydro power in Nepal were also deliberated in the meeting,

During the visit, Sh. Nand Lal Sharma also met His Excellency Ambassador of India to Nepal Sh. Naveen Srivastava at Kathmandu and thanked him for his morale boosting visit to Arun-3 and Lower Arun Hydro Projects in November 2022. Sh. Sharma thanked the Indian Embassy for its continual support to the projects being developed by SJVN in Nepal. The Ambassador assured that Indian Embassy will extend all its support for execution & commissioning of all projects to strengthen Indo-Nepal relations.



(Meeting with Dy. PM & Finance Minister of Nepal)



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Later, Sh. Nand Lal Sharma also met Shanker Das Bairagi, Chief Secy. of Nepal and also held a meeting with Sh. Sushil Bhatta, Chief Executive Officer, Investment Board of Nepal and discussed about allocation of more hydro projects in Nepal to SJVN.

On 29.12.2022, Sh. Nand Lal Sharma flew back from Kathmandu to Delhi.