

## 'CABINET NOD SOON FOR HYDRO POWER POLICY'

New Delhi, Nov. 29: Power minister R.K. Singh on Wednesday said the hydro power policy is in the final leg and will soon be sent for the Cabinet approval.

"The hydro policy is in final stages. It will soon go for Cabinet for approval," Mr Singh said while addressing round table on hydro power organised by Assocham.

Asked how soon the policy will be sent for the Cabinet approval, the minister said, "it may take 10 days".

The minister also assured the industry representatives that he would look into their demands for restructuring debt over stranded hydro projects as well as their refinancing by

Power Finance Corp and Ireda.

As per the draft hydro-power policy, it will aim to provide ₹16,709 crore support for 40 stalled hydel projects with 11,639 MW capacity, and to classify all such ventures as renewable energy.

Once it is approved, the distinction between large and small hydro plants will go, which would help India to achieve clean power capacity of 225 GW by 2022.

At present, a hydro power project of up to 25 MW is classified under renewable energy and is entitled to various incentives provided by the government.

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## 'Need to follow processes with artificial intelligence'

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NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY coordinator Gulshan Rai feels that while artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning are far reaching innovations, there is a need to strictly follow cyber security processes as hackers can use information through these technologies to breach systems.

Rai termed machine learning and AI as a double-edged technology, which although helps in identifying background processes, also provides hackers with information to breach systems.

"If we follow processes and properly interpret the results of AI or machine learning, we would be able to enhance the resilience of our digital systems and minimise impact of many cyber attacks," he said.

Rai was of the view that companies in the domain of cyber security must work more closely with government organisations like Indian Computer Emergency Response Team and National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre to secure the digital eco-system.