

## Press Release

### **Visit of Secretary (Power) to Bhutan (24–27 February 2018)**

1. At the invitation of the Royal Government of Bhutan, a delegation led by Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of India paid an official visit to Bhutan from 24–27 February 2018.
2. Secretary (Power) held wide ranging talks with Dasho Yeshe Wangdi, Secretary, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Royal Government of Bhutan covering matters relating to hydropower co-operation between India and Bhutan. The Government of India delegation visited the 1200 MW Punatsangchhu - I and 1020 MW Punatsangchhu - II HEPs to review progress in implementation.
3. A bilateral understanding between Government of India and the Royal Government of Bhutan to revise the tariff for the Chukha hydropower project from Nu/Rs 2.25 per unit to Nu/Rs. 2.55 per unit w.e.f. 1st January 2017, was signed during the visit.
4. The delegation held an audience with His Majesty, the King of Bhutan; called on the Prime Minister of Bhutan, H.E. Dasho Tshering Tobgay and the Minister for Economic Affairs, H.E. Lyonpo Lekey Dorji.