

Energy Minister announces 247 energy supply to industries from May

Minister for Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation, Barsha Man Pun, has announced to provide round-the-clock supply of electricity to industries after mid-May.

“It will be a gift of the New Year 2075 BS for the industrial sector,” Pun said after making observation visit of Load Dispatch Center of Nepal Electricity Authority on Sunday. If implemented, the decision will allow industries to run round the clock, seven days a week. Power generation by run-of-the-river projects increased after mid-May as melting of snow will increase water level in rivers. It will allow NEA to provide uninterrupted power supply to industries.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Pun said economic prosperity was only possible if there is industrial growth.

Similarly, NEA Spokesperson Prabal Adhikari said that the power utility will spare no effort to provide uninterrupted power supply to industries. “After mid-May, power generation by run-of-the-river type projects start to increase due to improvement in water flow. Also, we will take needful initiative for increasing energy imports,” he added.

Current energy demand by industrial sector is about 300 MW.

NEA, however, can provide uninterrupted power supply to industrial sector only during wet months for the time being. It will be able to provide uninterrupted power supply to industrial sector only after Upper Tamakoshi Hydropower starts full-fledged power generation. The project is expected to start generation from June, 2019.

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