
Water for Hydropower and Recreation

Bangladesh has limited potential for hydropower due to its flat terrain and the absence of suitable reservoir area. However, it may be possible to build mini hydropower plants at small dam and barrage sites. A major environmental concern of hydropower development is the impediment to a river's natural flow imposed by structures built on it. A hydropower facility may be restrictive for fish movement also.

Use of water for recreational purposes is useful for developing tourism facilities. Introducing these facilities at the sites of reservoirs, lakes, dighis (big ponds), sea resorts, etc. would help the tourism industry of the country. The policy of the Government is therefore that:

- a. Mini-hydropower development schemes may be undertaken provided they are economically viable and environmentally safe.
- b. Recreational activities at or around water bodies will be allowed provided it is not damaging to the environment.