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The Arunachal Pradesh Congress urges the central government not to impose the Siang Dam project on indigenous communities.

CHENNAI – 21 Nov, 2026 The Congress asked him whether the central government would give a written assurance that it would not "impose" the 11,000 MW Siang Upper Multipurpose Project (SUMP) on the state's tribal communities, a few hours before Union Home Minister Amit Shah began his three-day visit to Arunachal Pradesh on Friday (November 20, 2026).

Shah is expected to discuss national security and infrastructure development during his visit. The Central Government has proposed SUMP in response to China's 60,000-megawatt hydropower project under construction in the upper reaches of the Yarlung Tsangpo River in the Tibet region.

Violent protests erupted against this project out of fear that it would displace or affect more than 1.25 million people, mostly from indigenous communities.

In a statement released late Thursday evening (November 19, 2026), the Arunachal Pradesh Congress unit said that development without transparency and governance without accountability cannot deliver sustainable progress.

The party has stated that SUMP has raised serious concerns about vulnerable communities, ancestral land, displacement,



environmental and geological hazards, livelihoods, cultural heritage, and the future of indigenous institutions. "The ongoing protests and the alleged deployment of security forces have further heightened tensions in the Siang region," it said.