GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF POWER RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1591 ANSWERED ON 20.12.2022

SUBANSIRI LOWER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT LOCATED IN NORTH LAKHIMPUR

1591 SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:

Will the Minister of **POWER** be pleased to state:

(a) the total cost incurred by Government in the construction of the Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project located in North Lakhimpur on the borders of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) the cost of repairing the infrastructural damage caused to the Project by natural calamities such as floods and earthquakes in the year 2022;

(c) the reasons for the delay in the completion of the Project; and

(d) the estimated date of completion of the Project?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a): The total cost incurred in construction of Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project, till Nov 2022, was Rs.17,275.62 crore.

(b): The tentative cost of repairing the damages to the construction works caused by floods during the year 2022 is expected to be in the range of approximately Rs.80 to 100 crore.

(c) : The Project remained stalled from December 2011 till October 2019 due to agitation by some sections of stakeholders & pressure groups, and hearing by the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT). The lockdown during COVID-19 and the floods during August 2021, June 2022 and September 2022 also delayed the Project.

(d): The Project has eight units of 250 Mega Watts (MW) each, with a total installed capacity of 2000 MW. Out of this, the likely commissioning date of two units (Unit 1 & Unit 2) is 30.06.2023 and the remaining six units (Unit 3 to Unit 8) are likely to be commissioned by 31.03.2024.
