GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF POWER

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3476 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2017

POWER PROJECTS IN ASSAM

3476. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal/demand from Assam for setting up more power projects in the State to end the power crisis;
- (b) if so, the steps taken/being taken in this regard;
- (c) whether any fund has been allocated for providing the required power to NE States specially Assam;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): After the enactment of Electricity Act 2003, generation of electricity has been delicensed and Techno-Economic Clearance (TEC) for setting up of Thermal Power Projects (TPPs) is not required. As such, proposals for setting up new TPPs in the country including Assam are not being received in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA).

However, TEC from the CEA are required for hydro power projects costing more than Rs. 1000 crore. At present, there is no hydroelectric power project from Assam under consideration for concurrence of the CEA.

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As per the information furnished by the CEA, following power projects are proposed to be set up in Assam:-

SI. No.	Name of Project	Implementing Agency	Fuel	Capacity (MW)
1	Margherita TPP	APGCL	Coal	660
2	Golaghat TPP	APGCL	Gas	12
3	Lakwa Replacement TPP	APGCL	Gas	70
4	Cachar TPP	APGCL	Gas	30
5	Amguri TPP	APGCL	Gas	100
6	Lower Kopili *	AGPCL	Hydro	120

^{*} concurred by the CEA on 24.05.2016.

(c) to (e): Details of funds released under various schemes of Ministry of Power (MoP) to North Eastern States is as under:-

Rs. in Cr.

SI.	State	IPDS*	DDUGJY **
No.		(2015-16 to 2016-17)	(2016-17 upto
			30.11.2016)
1	Arunachal Pradesh	12.83	49.17
2	Assam	49.76	111.20
3	Manipur	31.95	0.00
4	Meghalaya	0.00	0.00
5	Mizoram	4.20	0.96
6	Nagaland	3.75	7.17
7	Sikkim	6.32	0.00
8	Tripura	0.00	10.13
Total NER		108.81	178.63

^{*} Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS)

In addition, Rs. 2217.84 cr. has been approved for implementing North Eastern Region Power System Improvement Project (NERPSIP) in Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland & Tripura and Rs. 2247.92 cr. approved for implementing the comprehensive scheme of Transmission & Distribution System in Arunachal Pradesh & Sikkim during the years 2014-15 to 2016-17.

^{**} Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY)