

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4375
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2018**

POWER CRISIS IN ASSAM

4375. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

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

- (a) whether the State of Assam generally and Dhubri district specially is facing acute power crisis due to low grid capacity, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that Dhubri district was once a vibrant centre of trade and commerce and it is today the most marginalized and isolated due to power crisis which has led to shutdown of industries and small enterprises, if so, the detail thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take any initiative for generating more power;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

A N S W E R

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER AND
NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY**

(SHRI R. K. SINGH)

(a) : The State of Assam faced energy and peak shortage of 3.5% and 4.2% respectively during the current year (April, 2017 - February, 2018). Presently, at the Inter-state level, there are no transmission constraints for import of power to Assam. The Available Transmission Capacity (ATC) from Eastern Region to North Eastern Region is 1025 MW. However, there are some Intra-state transmission constraints in some pockets of Assam.

(b) to (e) : Electricity is a concurrent subject. Supply and distribution of electricity in a State / UT, including Dhubri district, is within the purview of the respective State Government / State Power Utility. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by establishing power plants in Central Sector through CPSUs and allocating power there from to them. At present, Assam has been allocated 1304 MW power from Central Generating Stations. During 2016-17, the assistance from Central Generating Stations to Assam was 5929 Million Units (65.7%) against their total energy requirement of 9020 Million Units. Adequate power is available in the grid and the state can purchase power to meet their demand from Power exchanges or through competitive bidding route under Discovery of Efficient Electricity Price (DEEP) portal.
