GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2850 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2016

Paper Mills in Assam

2850. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Cachar Paper Mill and Nagaon Paper Mill in Assam have been closed down;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has released any working capital to start these mills; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA)

- (a): The production at Cachar Paper Mill (CPM) got suspended. However Nagaon Paper Mill is running and is giving production.
- (b): Production in both the units of HPC viz. CPM and NPM have been suffering due to non-availability of coal owing to blanket ban imposed by National Green Tribunal on mining and transportation of coal in the state of Meghalaya wherefrom 100% requirement used to come for CPM and 60% for NPM.
- (c) No.
- (d): Does not arise.
