

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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CLOSURE OF THERMAL POWER PLANT IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any plan to close down any Thermal Power Plant in Assam;
- (b) whether the Government are aware that the Chandrapur Power Plant in Assam has been forced to reduce its operational capacity to less than half of its size due to shortage of supply of coal and high cost of fuel; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken to tide over the crisis?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

- (a) : Chandrapur Thermal Power Station in Assam has been temporarily closed down for more than one year.
- (b) : Chandrapur Power Plant in Assam is being run on liquid fuel and not on coal. Two units of this Plant (2x30 MW) are shutdown as generation has become uneconomical due to high cost of liquid fuel.
- (c) : The shortage of power in Assam is being met from other hydro and gas based power stations and import from the Eastern Region.