

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4888
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LOWER SUBANSIRI HYDEL PROJECT
Ajmal Shri Badruddin

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of some militant outfits operating in Assam, physically stopping unloading of turbine runners and other logistic supplies for the Lower Subansiri Hydel Project being executed by the National Hydro Power Corporation Limited (NHPC) from vessels at TaripalGhat of BiswananthChariali during 2011;
- (b) whether these vessels were stranded mid-way in the State since August, 2010 and unable to unload the machineries/equipments for the project;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to resolve these crisis?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL)

(a) to (d): The equipment for Subansiri Lower Hydro-electric Project (2000 MW) were brought from Haldia Port (West Bengal) via Bangladesh on Bangladeshi barges to Assam in August, 2010. These equipment could not be unloaded either at JahajGhat in Tezpur or in and around Guwahati due to local law and order problems. Recently, Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWA) vide their letter dated 18.08.2011 have permitted unloading of these equipment at Jogighopa port. Government of Assam has assured all necessary security arrangements during unloading and transportation of the equipment.