

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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LOSSES TO THERMAL POWER PROJECTS DUE TO HUDHUD CYCLONE
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of losses suffered by Simhadri Thermal Power Project, Visakhapatnam due to the recent Hudhud cyclone; and
(b) the financial assistance extended by the Government and the steps taken to repair the damages?

Answer

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

(a) : In Simhadri Super Thermal Power Station various equipments like station transformer, lightening arrestors, pump houses, civil structures, overhead lines and communication systems etc. were damaged due to Hudhud Cyclone. Station remained under blackout from 10.41 hours on 12.10.2014 to 11.01 hours on 16.10.2014. The expenditure to repair the damages was estimated to be about Rs.34 crores. NTPC Simhadri lost opportunity to generate approx. 373 million units due to cyclone Hudhud and disruption in power evacuation system caused by it.

(b) : No, Madam. NTPC did not seek any financial assistance from the Government to repair the damages. Insurance claims have been lodged to the extent recoverable as per policy.

Restoration work in the plant was taken up on round the clock basis. All the four units of the Station were put back in service in the following sequence:

Unit # 2 : 16.10.2014 (within 4 days of cyclone)
Unit # 1 : 17.10.2014 (within 5 days of cyclone)
Unit # 3 : 18.10.2014 (within 6 days of cyclone)
Unit # 4 : 25.10.2014 (within 13 days of cyclone)