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Title: Need to complete the construction of Lower Subansiri Hydro Electrical Project in Assam.

SHRI RAM PRASAD SARMAH (TEZPUR): As the Union Government is well aware that Lower Subansiri Hydro Electrical Project/Dam construction work has got delayed for years and in view of present power crises in the country it is high time to take further steps to find out alternative sources of energy to meet our demand and for over all development particularly for North Eastern States. This 2000 MW Lower Subansiri Hydroelectric Project, is the biggest Project undertaken in India on river Subansiri. This project would also be important for India's tactical talk on power with China. If we fail to develop our hydro power project, our negotiating capacity with China will be affected. Initial estimated cost of construction was Rs. 4500 crore but the delay has now escalated the cost to the tune of Rs. 18000 crore thereby escalating the cost of production per unit of energy. A comprehensive Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) study for Lower Subansiri was submitted by NHPC for appraisal, covering all the environmental aspects and baseline data with respect to meteorology, geology, seismology, water quality, land use pattern, terrestrial ecology, wildlife, aquatic ecology, fisheries and socio-economic aspects, as well as disaster management plan. Government should also ensure all mitigation measures so that adverse environment impact be minimized and also ensure to supply of 600 MW to Assam.

I demand from Union Government to complete the rest of construction work of Lower Subansiri Hydro Electrical Projects in larger interest of people of Assam and North East.