

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:589
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2003
INSTALLED CAPACITY OF ASEB
MONIKUMAR SUBBA

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Assam State Electricity Board operates much below the installed capacity, despite the fact that per capita electricity consumption in Assam is the lowest and is less than one-third of the National Average;
- (b) if so, the details of the installed capacity of ASEB and the level it operates;
- (c) whether Assam Development Bank has approved assistance to boost the capacity of Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission;
- (d) if so, the details of the scheme to be financed therewith; and
- (e) the steps taken so far to implement the same and the progress so far made therein?

Answer

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

(a) : Yes Sir, the Plant Load Factor (PLF) of thermal power stations of Assam State Electricity Board (ASEB) is low. During April-October, 2003 the PLF of ASEB-G stations was 31.5% as against the national average of 69.8%. The per capita consumption of electricity in Assam during 2001-02 was 99.42 kwh which is not the lowest as against the national average of 360.97 kwh.

(b) : Details of monitored capacity, generation and PLF of ASEB during April- October, 2003 are as under:-

Sl.No. Power Plant Monitoring Generation (MU) Plant Load Factor (%)
Capacity(MW) April-October, 2003 April-October, 2003

Prog- ramme	Actual Prog- ramme	% of Programme	Actual	Actual
State Sector				
Chandrapur#	60	0	0	0
Namrup ST#	30	75	0	48.7
BongaigaonZ#	240	0	0	0
ASEB Thermal	330	75	0	4.4
Namrup GT	81.5	167	180	107.8
Namrup WHP	22	34	29	85.3
Lakwa GT	120	210	187	89.0
Mobile Gas T-G	21	0	0	0
ASEB G.T.G.	244.5	411	396	96.4

Private Sector

DLF Pvt. Assam 24.5 102 63 61.8 - -

The power plants are not in operation reportedly due to various reasons like Renovation & Modernization/refurbishment works, maintenance works etc.

(c) to (e) : It is presumed that the question refers to Asian Development Bank and not Assam Development Bank. Asian Development Bank is providing Technical Assistance

(TA) to Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (AERC). The details are given in Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 89 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 4.12.2003.

- Technical Assistance for being provided by Asian Development Bank (ADB) Capacity Building of Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (AERC)

- Technical Assistance (TA) would be provided in two phases. In the first phase, training support with regard to various regulatory issues will be provided to working staff of the current AERC and Government of Assam officials involved in the power sector reform. The second phase will start after AERC is reconstituted under the reform Act.

- The objective of the TA is to assist AERC to develop its operational standards and procedures and build up its institutional capacity to handle regulatory matters effectively and efficiently so as to promote the power sector reform of the State of Assam.

- The total cost of the TA is estimated at \$625,000 equivalent, consisting of \$445,625 in foreign exchange and \$179,375 in local currency equivalent. ADB will finance the entire foreign exchange cost of \$445,625 and \$54,375 of the local currency cost, for a total of \$500,000. The TA will be financed by ADB on a grant basis. Government of Assam/AERC will finance the remaining local currency cost of \$125,000 in kind.

- The TA will be completed in about 20 months i.e. from February, 2003 to September, 2004.