

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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SURPLUS WATER FROM RANGANADI DAM PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Assam has approached NEEPCO for funding of flood protection work on Dikrang river from Bandardewa to Dikrang Suba Shri confluence due to additional discharge of water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the assistance provided to the State Government during the current year for the purpose; and
- (c) the benefits derived by the State Government as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. An estimate amounting to Rs.835.85 lakh was submitted by the Flood Control Department, Govt. of Assam to NEEPCO for raising and strengthening of embankments of both the banks of Dikrong river including anti erosion works at different reaches and NEEPCO agreed to bear the part expenditure.. Subsequently, the Govt. of Assam in February, 1998 stated that they were not in a position to take up the works due to prevailing fund crisis and requested to allocate the same from North Eastern Council (NEC) fund. Since there was no provision against Ranganadi Hydro-electric Project for taking up the entire work as such it was not possible for North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd. (NEEPCO) to meet this expenditure. The matter was referred to NEC by NEEPCO. As per information received from NEC, the project was not included under 9th Plan of NEC.

(c) Out of total installed capacity of 405 MW, Assam gets a share of about 161 MW from this project with approximately 600 MU of power. Besides this, the people of Assam would get benefit of utilizing the water needed for agriculture in Dikrong valley specially during lean periods.