

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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NEEPCO FUNDING FOR FLOOD PROTECTION WORK
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO) is committed to fund flood protection work of Dikrong river due to additional discharge of water into it from Ranganadi project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Assam had approached NEEPCO for funding of flood protection work of Dikrong river from the downstream Bandardewa to Dikrong confluence;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the action taken thereon; and
- (f) the benefits to Assam on account of Ranganadi project of NEEPCO?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO) is committed to provide safety measures due to incremental rise in water level from Bandardewa to Sessapathar on release of maximum discharge of 160 cumec from Hoz Power House of Ranganadi Hydro Electric Project (405 MW).

(c) to (e) : Government of Assam had sent an estimate of Rs.835.85 lakhs for raising and strengthening of embankment of both the banks of Dikrong river including anti- erosion works at different reaches based on the highest observed flood of 2500 Cumec. NEEPCO had then agreed to share financial implications to the tune of Rs.88.61 lakhs for providing safety measures due to incremental rise in water level varying from 7 cm. to 12 cm. from Bandardewa to Sessapathar on account of release of maximum discharge of 160 Cumec from Hoz Power House. The balance funding was to be borne by the Government of Assam.

(f) : The State of Assam has a share of 161 MW power out of the total installed capacity of 405 MW of Ranganadi HEP (405 MW). Besides, the steady discharge of the Hoz Power House may be utilized for agricultural purposes in Dikrong valley especially during lean periods.