

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:892  
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REVIVAL OF ASHOK PAPER MILLS  
Sonowal Shri Sarbananda

**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

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- (a) whether the Government has worked out any plan to revive the Ashok Paper Mills at Assam as per Assam Accord, 1985;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and (
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be revived ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) to (c): A financial Package was announced by the Government of India for rendering assistance to the Government of Assam in their efforts to revive the Ashok Paper Mill (Assam), in pursuance of the Assam Accord signed in the year 1985. The Package envisaged an outright grant of Rs. 67.08 crore for the purpose. The Government of India has so far released Rs.62.08 crore.

The Jogighopa Unit of Ashok Paper Mill (Assam) Limited was handed over to M/s. North East Paper & Industries Limited (NEPIL) on a long term Lease of 25 years w.e.f. 3.8.2000. Subsequently a lease agreement was Registered on 10.01.2001 for its revival, management and operation. As M/s. North East Paper & Industries Limited failed to achieve the targeted revival works for starting the mill, as per lease agreement, the Government of Assam contemplated taking action against the lessee including termination of the Lease Agreement. The matter is presently subjudice. Meanwhile, the State Government of Assam has been advised to prepare a full-scale detail report for revival of Ashok Paper Mill.