

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DAMAGE TO POWER PLANTS IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several power plants got damaged due to Tsunami in Andaman and Nicobar Islands during the year 2004;
- (b) if so, the total losses suffered by the Government on this account;
- (c) the steps taken to reconstruct the damaged power plants; and
- (d) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : Yes, Sir. 20 out of 36 Power Houses in Andaman & Nicobar Islands were either dislocated, damaged or washed away due to Tsunami on 26.12.2004.

(b) : 37 MW DG capacity, 412 Kms. Power Lines, 66 Nos. Distribution Transformers, 20 Nos. Solar Power Plants and 102 Nos. building & quarters and other assets and equipments such as vehicles, tools & tackles etc. amounting to Rs.50.00 crores (book value) were damaged/washed away.

(c) : Immediately after Tsunami, around 30 MW DG capacity were restored and 9 MW new DG capacity was added, 122 Kms. Power Lines, 21 Nos. Distribution transformers and associated distribution system were reconstructed.

A Detailed Project Report (DPR) costing Rs.198.82 crores has been prepared by Ministry of Power for permanent restoration/revival of power supply infrastructure in Tsunami affected islands and the same has been approved by the competent authority. These works are jointly being executed by the NTPC (entrusted for power generation), Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) (entrusted for Transmission & Distribution works) and Andaman Public Works Department (APWD)/Andaman Lakshadweep Harbour Works (ALHW) (Civil Works) in coordination with Electricity Department, A&N Administration.

(d) : The work envisaged in the DPR is expected to be completed by the end of 2008.