

Expert panel to break dam deadlock



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Amid utter disappointment over the talks to break mega dam deadlock on Thursday, the Centre and the anti dam organizations agreed to set up an 8 member panel to study the issue.

The expert panel comprising four each from the Centre and state would submit the findings within three months. It would study the Reddy Committee's report and the cumulative downstream impact.

Power minister Piyush Goel, who chaired the 5 hour long meeting urged the various organization to support the dam to help the north east generate more power.

Sources told Assam Times that except the Akhil Gogoi-led KMSS, other organizations are satisfied to some extent. Gogoi has some serious reservations over what was decided in the meeting.

BJP [MPs](#) seemed to have maintained a studied silence over the entire issue although they have been supporting the anti dam stir for the last three years. But the meeting agreed to break the deadlock by holding more tripartite discussion.

Talking to Assam Times after coming out of the talks, a few participants hoped that a solution is not far away if the talks are allowed to continue.

The dam experts expressed utter disappointment over the way the Union power minister talked to them on Thursday. They told Assam Times that every logjam has solution which could be achieved through negotiation.

The KMSS which has been spearheading the anti dam stir is raising the demands it finetuned in its recent consultation in Guwahati. If both sides refuse to bend, consensus will elude again on the Lower Subansiri dam that has been hanging in balance for the last three years.

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