

No silver lining in dam talks!



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The five hour tripartite talks in [New Delhi](#) to break the mega dam deadlock was quite disappointing if KMSS is to be believed. But a few other organization running the anti-dam stir are satisfied in some extent.

KMSS leaders told Assam Times in Delhi that the Centre showed no [sign](#) of response to most of their demands. “Our major demand was 12 per cent power sharing free of cost. But the power minister Piyush Goel straightly rejected it saying it a policy matter. How can we call the talks a ray of hope?,” said a KMSS [leader](#).

Another [leader](#) of the farmer’s organization said, “the minister gave hardly attention to our demand for cumulative environment impact assessment of all 169 small hydro power projects in Arunachal Pradesh. Is it positive?” Apart from it, Goel virtually rejected and demand for holding public hearings in Assam for power projects in Arunachal Pradesh.

To top it all, the crucial meeting of 26 organization with bosses of Central Water Commission, [National](#) Hydro-Power Corporation Limited, power [ministry](#) officials, dam experts ended without any ray of hope.

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