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# APDCL signs power purchase pact with DVC

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GUWAHATI, April 21 – The Assam Power Distribution Company Limited (APDCL) has signed an agreement on power purchase with the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) for 75 MW of power for an initial period of three months from May 1, 2015, said an official press release here today.

The agreement was signed by MK Adhikary, General Manager (TRC) on behalf of the APDCL and Amitava Nayak, Executive Director (Commercial) on behalf of the DVC in presence of KV Eapen, Chairman APDCL, RL Barua, MD APDCL and AWK Langstieh, Chairman DVC.

With this arrangement, it is expected that the State's power situation will improve further during the coming days, said the APDCL in its press release.

According to APDCL sources negotiations are on with some other power generators for purchasing some additional power in the near future.

At present, during the off-peak-hour – that is, during the daytime, there is no shortfall of power in the State. This situation has been attributed by the APDCL sources to the purchase of power it has made from different sources, including the energy exchange, at the rate ranging between 60 MW and 80 MW.

However, during the peak hours – that is, between 6 pm and 11 pm, there is a shortfall of around 100 MW of power which is yet to be overcome, sources said.

It is estimated that during the peak-load hour in the coming summer season, the power demand of the State will grow to between 1300 MW and 1350 MW and during the off-peak-load hour its power demand will soar to 1000 MW. Presently, the peak-load-hour power demand of the State is 1200 MW and its off-peak-load hour power demand is 850 MW. Generally, the demand for power in the State starts picking up from the month of April and it touches the zenith in August, sources said.

At present, the State's peak-load-hour power availability is 1150 MW, against the demand for 1200 MW, sources said.