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Title: Need to expedite the completion of NTPC-BHEL Power Projects Limited (NBPPL) in Tirupati Parliamentary Constituency, Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI BALLI DURGA PRASAD RAO (TIRUPATI): Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to speak on a very important issue in respect of a project in the backward region of Rayalaseema in Andhra Pradesh.

Sir, the NTPC-BHEL Power Projects Limited (NBPPL) project was sanctioned during UPA Government and foundation stone was laid in 2010 by the then Prime Minister, Shri Manmohan Singhji with a promise to provide Rs. 6000 crore and an assurance for creating 6000 direct and about 25,000 indirect employment for the local people.

To my surprise, as of now, the Government could sanction only Rs.100 crore for the project. A piece of land of 753 acres has been allotted to the promoter companies, i.e., NTPC and BHEL by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh. But after the sad demise of my beloved leader and the former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhar Reddy, this project has been put on the back burner.

The construction of compound wall is already completed. People of my constituency are eagerly looking upon the new Government in Andhra Pradesh. Completion of this project would generate employment for local youth in big way in Venkatagiri, Srikalahasti and Tirupati of Tirupati Parliament Constituency.

The hon. Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has also requested several times to the Central Government to provide a new alternative project at the same place, if this project is not going up. Thank you, Sir.