

Title: Need to grant subsidy for setting up Durgadwani Mini-Hydel Project in Sunderbans area, West Bengal.

SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL (JOYNAGAR): Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, Sundarban areas of West Bengal are very backward. But, there are vast natural resources including potential for the generation of non-conventional energy.

Last year the Government of West Bengal has sent a proposal to set up Durgadwani mini-hydel project. This project is very important to meet the energy requirements of Sundarbans. The Centre is giving 90 per cent subsidy for the backward areas of the North-Eastern States and other backward areas for the setting up of various projects including power projects. For the Durgadwani project the grant of subsidy is needed as the State Government has very little resources.

Since, Sundarbans is a very backward area, I demand that the Centre should also grant 90 per cent subsidy for the Durgadwani project. I hope that the Government would take a favourable decision so that the Durgadwani project can be set up at the earliest.

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