

Title: Need for expeditious clearance of setting up of Joint Venture Committee for implementation of Purulia Pumped Storage Project, West Bengal - Laid.

SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO (PURULIA) : The Government of West Bengal and HHPC duly signed the Memorandum of Understanding in the month of May, 2001 for implementation of Purulia Pumped Storage Project. This project is being implemented with financial assistance from Japan Bank. The completion of this project as a Joint Venture was thought of for expeditious commission of its 4X225 MV units which is essential as it will provide the peaking support and lead supply of quality power besides stabilizing the grid. Recently the Hon'ble Minister of Power has assured that Public Investment Board will clear the formation of Joint Venture Committee within a week but the clearance has not yet been made. Besides, there are thirteen casual labourers in this project who should be regularized.

I request the Central Government to accord clearance for setting up the JVC without further delay and regularize the thirteen casual labourers of this project early.