

**Title:** Need for early completion of Purulia Pump Storage Mega Hydro Project over Kista Bazar River in West Bengal.

SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO (PURULIA): Purulia Pump Storage Mega Hydro Project over Kista Bazar River in Ayaddhya hills in the district of Purulia (W.B.) was likely to start in 1993. M/s. EPDC (Japan) supplied technical data and came to the conclusion that 900 M.W. power will be generated. The Project was scheduled to be completed in six years, that is, 1999 at a cost of Rs.9231 crore. But the work actually started in 1997 and only five per cent work has been done. Out of one k.m., only 400 metre tunnel of D-Shape has been completed. Now, work has been stopped.

I urge upon the Central Government to monitor the project regularly so that work should be completed within six years.