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Title : Situation arising out of Government's decision to abandon NEEPCO's 280 MW Gas based power project at Monarchak, Tripura.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Sir, the Ministry of Power, Government of India has decided to abandon the 280 MW gas-based power plant at Monarchak, Tripura. This decision of the Government has disappointed the people of Tripura. This gas-based power plant of 280 MW capacity was sanctioned in the year 2002. Its foundation stone was laid by the former Power Minister in the year 2002. This project had received all the statutory and technical clearances from the competent bodies and gas allocation was also assured by the ONGC. There were some disputes regarding the pricing of gas which have also been resolved.

MR. SPEAKER: The matter should be brief.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Sir, combined cycle gas-based project at Palatana of South Tripura, which is promoted by IL&FS and ONGC and for which foundation stone was laid by hon. Prime Minister on 29.10.2005, will in no way affect the functioning and viability of this particular project. There will be no shortage of gas supply for this project. The transmission line is being erected by Palatana project.... (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: No, Mr. Thangkabalu!

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : The decision of this Government to abandon the project, which was sanctioned and for which all clearances were obtained and foundation stone laid in the year 2002, will affect the development of the North-Eastern States.

Sir, I urge upon the Government to reconsider the decision to abandon a project which was sanctioned and cleared. The NEEPCO has already spent Rs. 30 crore; the infrastructure has already been provided and developed. So, I urge upon the Government

to reconsider the decision and the 280 MW gas-based power project – which was sanctioned and for which foundation stone was laid – the construction of that project should be started.

Sir, this is the demand of the people of Tripura.

DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA (LAKHIMPUR): Sir, I would like to associate with this.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Santosh Gangwar.

... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN (BALASORE): Sir, please accommodate me. The hon. Minister is here. He said he would make a statement. ... (*Interruptions*)

श्रीमती सुमित्रा महाजन (इन्दौर) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, हमारा भी मामला है।... (व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : सुमित्रा जी, आप तो जानती हैं कि एक-एक करके बुलाएंगे, थोड़ी मदद कीजिए।

SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN (BALASORE): He said he would make a statement about this shifting of the National Institute of Science. The Leader of the House is here. ... (*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आपका कोई नोटिस नहीं है। आप इतने अनुभवी सदस्य हैं, आपको नोटिस देना चाहिए।

श्री खारबेल स्वाई : अध्यक्ष महोदय, नोटिस दिया था, उस वक्त हाउस एडजर्न हो गया था।... (व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मैं इतनी अच्छी हिन्दी बोलने की कोशिश कर रहा हूँ, तब भी आप नाराज हो रहे हैं।

... (व्यवधान)

SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN : Sir, I am just asking the hon. Minister, when he is going to make a statement. ... (*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आपकी पार्टी के सदस्य को बुलाया है - श्री संतो गंगवार।