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Title: Regarding Hydro Electric Power Dam at Manipur.

SHRI MANI CHARENAMAI (OUTER MANIPUR): Thank you, Sir. In spite of public protest and opposition against the most controversial 1,500 MW Tipaimukh Hydro Electric Dam planned over Barak river, the Centre and the NEEPCO are still continuing to bulldoze the project ignoring the objection of the people of Manipur. The PIB has given its observation that Tipaimukh Project is not economically viable and the BIS has also reported that the Dam site is situated in highly sensitive seismic zone. The environmental clearance has also not been given by the MOEF till date. It is learnt from reliable sources that the foundation stone laying ceremony of Tipaimukh dam is being carried out on the 16th of December, 2006 again.

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The people, particularly the primary affected people, are still ignorant about the impact of the Dam. There is absolute lack of transparency and the people have been kept in the dark. Public hearings were opposed and it could not be held in the Tamenglong town.

It is still not understood why the Ministry of Power does not go ahead with the Loktak downstream project which is welcomed by the people of the State and which will be able to cater to the power requirements of the State.

I would, therefore, once again urge upon the hon. Prime Minister and the hon. Minister of Power not to go ahead with the Tipaimukh Hydro Electric Power Project but to start the Loktak Downstream project at the earliest. Thank you very much.