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Title : Need to expedite upgradation and preparation of DPR for the proposed Ujh Hydro Electric Power Project at Kathua, Jammu & Kashmir.

CHAUDHARY LAL SINGH (UDHAMPUR): Ujh Multipurpose Hydro Electric Power Project of 280 MW under 50000 MW initiative is at Kathua in the state of Jammu & Kashmir. This multi-purpose Hydro Electric Project falls in my Parliamentary Constituency at Kathua. Ujh river is a tributary of River Ravi and is out of the purview of Indus Water Treaty. This Multipurpose Project has now been declared as National Project by the Government of India and is to be implemented in the 11th Five year Plan. This proposed project is to utilize 0.65 MAF water of Ujh River and will generate 280 MW Power. It will also irrigate approx 32000 ha of land and will provide 50 cusecs drinking water facility for the major portion of highly water starving Kandi belt area. The Directorate Office (CWC) Jammu has been asked to prepare DPR of Multipurpose Project Ujh. Till date nothing has been done, more than 2 years have passed. The Project is being delayed. All the field works has already been done by the J&K Directorate of Designs and CWC in 1966, it needs only up-dating. The Project area is in Jammu Region and there is no impact of militancy in that area. Also, the area is near the Delhi-Jammu National Highway and is easily approachable from Jammu City.

I, therefore, urge the Government to issue suitable directions to Jammu & Kashmir Power Development Corporation to engage the consultant for upgradation and preparation of DPR on priority basis, as CWC, Directorate Office at Jammu has not done anything till date with regard to preparation of DPR.