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Title: Need to stop the building of Nuclear Power Plant project at Jaitapur, Maharashtra.

SK. SAIDUL HAQUE (BARDHMAN-DURGAPUR): A preliminary examination of the Jaitapur Nuclear Power Plant project shows that there is no scientific, technical and economic justification for the project which is going to adversely affect the livelihood of thousands of people and cause unimaginable damage to the bio-diversity and environment in the area. It is apparent that it is being pushed for purely political consideration in the wake of a new discredited Indo-US nuclear deal, I strongly condemn the manner in which the Government of Maharashtra and the Nuclear Power Corporation Limited have used force to acquire the land for the project and the manner in which the Government has trampled upon the democratic rights of the project and resorted to brutal *lathi* charge and firing to cow them down. Already two young men have become martyr, and several people including women, children and elderly people have been injured in the last few months. What is more condemnable is the fact that it has been reported that the Central Government plans to amend the Atomic Energy Act to acquire land in and around Jaitapur Nuclear Plant by which it will allow the Centre to merely issue an order barring the farmer from use and enjoyment of their lands, proximate to any nuclear research production and disposal facility to ensure unhindered access. The proposed amendment also will provide the Central Government power to declare a prohibited area where in and around the area Forces could be deployed. In view of the nuclear catastrophe in Fukushima, Japan the security and the future of the nuclear power reactors world over has come into serious question.

I strongly urge upon the Central Government that the nuclear power project that is going to be built in Jaitapur should immediately be stopped because it is posing a threat to the residents in and around that plant and is also endangering the safety and security of the whole nation. So, I urge upon the Government once again to stop the Jaitapur Nuclear Power Plant project.