

**Title:** Need to execute thermal power project near Mangalore, Karnataka.

SHRI G. PUTTA SWAMY GOWDA (HASSAN): Sir, Karnataka State is facing a severe power crisis and now, the shortage is 2000 MW on account of the withdrawal of the Mangalore Power Company from the proposed 1000 MW Cogentrix Thermal Power Project at Nandikur village in Dakshina Kannada District.

Once power (surplus) prosperous State, Karnataka will have no other way but to force many major industries and small scale industries to close down at the beginning of the new century.

This Power Project has not been able to take off even after seven years and I have to blame both Centre and the State for this. This lapse may crush the future of industrial development in the State.

Certainly, it is not advisable to drop this dream project of Karnataka after seven years especially when the State Government and the MPC have incurred huge expenditure on the ground work.

Under these circumstances, I urge upon the Central Government to negotiate with China Light Power Company (CLIP) and execute the much delayed 1000 MW thermal power project near Mangalore.