

Title: Need to clear Durgadurai mini tidal power project in West Bengal.-Laid.

SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL (JOYNAGAR) : The West Bengal Government has submitted a detailed project report for the Durgadurai mini tidal power plant three years back. The project is pending with the Planning Commission. But no decision has been taken so far.

The estimated cost of the project was Rs. 30 crore and it is very important for the backward and poverty stricken people of Sunderbans. Tidal power is abundantly available in the area which can be harnessed for the generation of electricity. The Centre is also providing 90 per cent subsidy for the project.

The project, when implemented would benefit several villages of the area. Otherwise the area is continuously facing energy crisis. I would, therefore, urge upon the Government to take immediate steps for the early clearance of the project so that work can be started as early as possible.