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Title: Need to take steps for revival of Damodar Valley Corporation in West Bengal.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY (BAHARAMPUR): Damodar Valley Corporation is recognized as the 1st Public Sector Undertaking in Independent India. The multipurpose river valley project bears its unique distinction which was conceived by Pundit Jawahar Lal Nehru.

But the age old standard bearer of PSU is now suffering from paucity of funds and virtually grasping for its survival in spite of all the potentialities it hold.

A couple of power units of DVC are crippled due to the acute shortage of coal. It is reported that inadequate supply of Coal rakes from Coal India/ BCCL has been further hindering the availability of coal.

Coal Rakes on the way to Thermal Power Plant are being systematically looted thereby creating shortage of coal. As a result the Mega Thermal plant is compelled to discontinue its prescribed programme.

The Central electricity Regulatory Authority has also imposed a huge penalty on DVC to the tune of Rs.5000 crores. Now its incumbent upon the Government to save the DVC from the financial crisis.