

>

Title: Regarding Khuga Multi-purpose Dam Project in Manipur.

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY (GUWAHATI): The Khuga Dam Project in the North Eastern Region is a multipurpose dam which was started in 1983 at a cost of Rs. 382 crore to produce 1.5 million watts of electricity, to irrigate 15,000 hectares of land annually, and to supply 50,000 gallons of drinking water.

After a lapse of 27 years, on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, Khuga Dam was inaugurated. Unfortunately, during inauguration time, there were huge cracks in the wall linings of the main Dam. The chippings threatened the entire Charuchandrapur area of Manipur. People are in constant fear that this Dam may collapse at any time. The power house which is supposed to generate 1.5 million watts of electricity is submerged and cannot produce a single watt of electricity, and the irrigation canals are completely damaged. Sixteen villages have been uprooted and thousands of people who became homeless have not been duly rehabilitated. Even the local subcontractors have been denied their dues amounting to Rs. 31 crore.

In the rainy season, people of Charuchandrapur area apprehend that this cracked Dam might washout the entire area any time. I raise this issue because there are corruption issues involved in it which need to be addressed urgently so that people's faith may be restored in the current Government system.