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Title: Regarding rural electrification in Purulia under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyut Yojana.

SHRI NARAHARI MAHATO (PURULIA): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Sir, for giving me an opportunity to raise an important issue. I would like to bring to your kind notice that my Parliamentary constituency, Purulia in West Bengal is one of the most backward districts of our country and also a Maoist affected area. The population here mostly consists of the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the Economically Weaker Sections. The financial condition of the people here is very bad and 9 blocks out of 20 blocks are affected by Maoists. Six years back, the Government of India had decided to have full electrification of Purulia district and to give electricity to each and every village; it launched Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana under rural electrification work. Prestigious PSU, NHPC has been given this task and further NHPC had awarded the contract or tender to Everest Engineering Works six years back. And, at that time, it was decided that the work will be completed within four years. But, till date, after the passage of more than six years, most of the work is not completed and the progress is very slow. The poor people in my area are suffering especially the BPL are not getting the electricity for whom this programme was launched. I, being a local MP, had suggested many a time for early completion of the work but all my suggestions went to deaf ears. Further, the quality of products that were used in the electrification work was mostly sub-standard.

**सभापति महोदय :** महतो जी, इलैक्ट्रिफिकेशन करने वाली एजेंसी कौन है?

श्री नरहरि महतो : सर, उसका नाम एवरेस्ट इंजीनियरिंग वर्क्स है।

**सभापति महोदय :** काम किसे दिया गया है?

श्री नरहरि महतो : सर, एनएचपीसी ने एवरेस्ट इंजीनियरिंग वर्क्स, कोलकाता को दिया है।

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right.

SHRI NARAHARI MAHATO : Further the quality of projects that were used in the electrification work was mostly of sub-standard quality which is proved from the defects that are occurring frequently where the work of electrification is completed.

I therefore request the hon. Minister that a CBI inquiry should be conducted in awarding this work and I further request that the electrification work in Purulia district should be completed within the next six months for the welfare of the poor people there. Thank you, Sir.