

Sixteenth Lok Sabha

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Title: Need to take steps to revive power plants under DVC at Durgapur in West Bengal.

DR. MAMTAZ SANGHAMITA (BARDHMAN DURGAPUR): Madam Speaker, thank you very much for giving me an opportunity to speak on a very important matter relating to my constituency. ...(*Interruptions*)

There are some power plants under DVC at Durgapur which serve all the nearby industrial areas by supplying power for industrial consumption as well as serve more than two lakh people living there by supplying power for public consumption. ...(*Interruptions*) These power plants were first established in the 1960s. They have all the facilities like water from the river and transportation facilities for bringing the coal. ...(*Interruptions*) Unfortunately, by giving a lame excuse that some of the plants are old, they are being gradually closed. This is creating unemployment for about 5,000 people working in that area. ...(*Interruptions*) They have already closed down two plants and one is on the verge of being closed down. ...(*Interruptions*)

So, it is my earnest request to the hon. Minister, through you, that there should be revival of these plants immediately. I would also like to request for the establishment of a new power plant having capacity of more than 1000 megawatt, so that it will help the people of my constituency. ...(*Interruptions*)