

**LOK SABHA**

The Ministry is promoting a research, development and demonstration programme for harnessing the tidal energy potential in the country for power generation. In February, 2008, the Ministry sanctioned a demonstration project for setting up of a 3.75 MW capacity tidal power project at Durgaduani Creek in the Sunderbans area of West Bengal to the West Bengal Renewable Energy Development Agency (WBREDA) Kolkata. The total cost of the project is Rs. 48.00 crores. The Ministry would provide 90% support for the project, while the State Government would meet the balance 10%. The project would be completed within 33 months.

This information was given by the Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy, Shri Vilas Muttemwar, in a written reply to a question by Shri Mahavir Bhagora in the Lok Sabha today.