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Title: Regarding the share of the Clean Energy Cess collected from Odisha.

प्रो. अच्युतानंद सामंत (कंधमाल) : ऑनरेबल स्पीकर सर, मैं आपका आभार व्यक्त करता हूँ कि आपने मुझे जीरो आवर में बोलने के लिए एक्सपोजर दिया ।

Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister of Coal and Mines towards the share of the Clean Energy Cess collected from Odisha.

Odisha produced 153.85 million tonnes of coal contributing about 25 per cent to the nation's total coal production in 2021. The Centre is collecting Clean Energy Cess of Rs. 400 per tonne which amounts to more than Rs. 50,000 crore. Sharing of the Cess collected from the State can be utilised for the economic development of the coal mining areas and for the welfare of the affected people. This will also accelerate the State's development in the aftermath of the COVID-19 situation.

I humbly request the hon. Minister of Coal and Mines to consider sharing 60 per cent of the Cess as demanded by the State Government amounting to Rs. 30,000 crore.