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Title : Need to conduct a study by National Institute of Environmental Engineering on the phenomenon of rising temperature in coal mining belt of Talcher and Brajrajnagar in Orissa.

SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN (DEOGARH): Sir, in the past few years the temperature of coal mining areas of Orissa, namely, Talcher and Brajarajnagar are soaring. Last summer, Talcher recorded a temperature of 52-degree Celsius. One could well imagine the plight of the people in those days. Due to coal mining, massive trees are being cut and the compensatory forestation is far behind expectation in these areas. Reclamation work is also not being taken up after mining. This also has adverse bearing on the temperature.

I request that an environmental study of both the cities may be conducted by the National Institute of Environmental Engineering to suggest measures for environmental protection.