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Title: Regarding upgradation of Biju Pattnaik National Steel Institute at Puri.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Madam Speaker, there was a Task Force which was constituted by the Union Government to upgrade the Biju Pattnaik National Steel Institute at Puri. It has recommended that this Institute be upgraded to the National Centre of Excellence with the status of deemed university which the State Government agreed to and promised to provide land and his share of Capital Expenditure required for the upgradation of this Institute.

However, no timeframe has been given for such upgradation of the Institute. I would, therefore, request the Union Government to give a definite timeframe to complete upgradation of the said Institute. There is no response from the Union Government so far. I urge upon the Government to accede to the request of the Odisha Government and also upgrade the Institute expeditiously.