Title: Need to set up a Super Specialty Hospital at Paradip, Odisha.

DR. KULMANI SAMAL (JAGATSINGHPUR): Hon. Chairman, Sir, thank you for giving me an opportunity to raise an issue of urgent public importance in this august House. The Paradip Port is one of the major sea ports of the country. It is situated in my Parliamentary Constituency Jagatsinghpur, Odisha. Since its inception, it has attracted various companies to establish industrial set ups. Though, over a period of time, industrialisation as a process, has improved the level of economic prosperity in this region, simultaneously, it is also creating problems like pollution — air, water and soil — leading to severe health hazards. The pollutants extracted from fertilizer industries, Indian Oil Corporation and Essar Steel are very harmful and make the local inhabitants suffering from serious diseases. On many occasions in the past, employees working in those industries have faced accidents and have lost their lives due to lack of immediate life saving medical care in the locality. Though, Paradip Port is a major port and is a place of many world-class industries, having workers from all parts of the country, hospitals existing in this port are not well equipped with modern technology and infrastructure.

So, keeping in view the importance and the requirement, it is necessary to set up a super speciality hospital in Paradip Port, Odisha by which the patients requiring emergency treatment could save their lives.