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Title: Regarding pollution caused by industrial units in Paradip region of Odisha.

DR. KULMANI SAMAL (JAGATSINGHPUR): Hon. Speaker, I am thankful to you for giving me this opportunity to raise a very important issue.

I would like to draw your kind attention to the issue that Paradip Port is one of the major seaports of the country and 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 industrialization as a process has improved the level of economic prosperity in this region, simultaneously, it is also creating problems like pollution of air, water, soil, etc. leading to severe health hazards like premature heart attacks and respiratory diseases. The pollutants extracted from the fertilizers industries, Indian Oil Corporation, Essar Steel Plant, etc. are very harmful and make the local inhabitants suffer from serious diseases. The level of pollution is also getting increased day by day. In spite of repeated request to the administration of these industrial set ups, no action is being taken up by them till now.

Hence, I request, through you, Madam, the hon. Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate change to take appropriate measures in order to control the level of pollution in the region at the earliest.

Thank you.