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Title: Regarding establishment of Super Speciality Hospital in Paradip, Odisha.

DR. KULMANI SAMAL (JAGATSINGHPUR): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to raise an issue of public importance.

Sir, Paradip Port region in my constituency Jagatsinghpur is an industrial area. The pollutants extracted from the industrial units here are very harmful with the result the local inhabitants are suffering from serious diseases. On many occasions in the past, employees working in industries have faced industrial accidents and have also lost their lives due to lack of immediate life saving medical care in the locality. Though Paradip Port is a major port and the surrounding area has been mushroomed with many world-class industries having workers from all parts of the country, hospitals existing in this port area are not well equipped with modern technology and infrastructure. In this regard, I personally met the hon. Minister of Shipping Shri Nitin Gadkari, when he visited Paradip during the inauguration of Oil Jetty of Indian Oil Refinery, to set up a Super Speciality Hospital in the port area as it comes under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Shipping. He also assured me to initiate and expedite the process in this regard.

I would like to, once again, draw the attention of the Minister of Shipping as well as the Minister of Health and Family Welfare to take urgent steps for setting up a Super Speciality Hospital in Paradip, Odisha at the earliest.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Shri Rabindra Kumar Jena is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Dr. Kulamani Samal.