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Title: Need to provide fertilizer rake points with required infrastructure in Odisha.

DR. KULMANI SAMAL (JAGATSINGHPUR): Thank you, hon. Speaker Madam. I am thankful to you for giving me this opportunity to raise the issue regarding lack of rake points for fertilizers in Odisha.

In my State of Odisha almost 70 per cent of people depend on agriculture and to increase their productivity most of them rely upon use of fertilizers. In order to ensure availability of adequate quantity of fertilizers, it is necessary to have fertilizer rake points including the required infrastructure like platform, covered shed, electricity, drinking water, approach-road for the carriages, etc. The rake points, which are currently available for the purpose, are also not up to the level. Hence, I urge upon the Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers as well as the Minister of Railways to provide more number of rake points for fertilizers and also to modernize the existing rake points in Odisha in order to ensure storage and timely distribution of fertilizers to the farmers in my State. Thank you, Madam.