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Title: Need to extend the proposed East-Coast Economic Corridor from Chennai, Tamil Nadu to Balasore in Odisha.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB: Madam, in the first meeting of the Governing Council of NITI held on 08.02.2015, inclusion of Odisha in the proposed East Coast Economic Corridor, the country's first coastal corridor project conceived by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Government of India was considered. First phase of the East Coast Economic being developed with the assistance from Asian Development Bank, is going to cover only from Chennai to Visakhapatnam. The Odisha Government had requested to extend the corridor up to Balasore in Odisha. The influence area of the corridor in Odisha is passing through established and emerging industrial clusters. The proposed corridor will help link the industrial clusters with the hinterland and beyond, which will help in creating substantial employment opportunities for the youth of our State.

The industrial clusters in Odisha comprising aluminium, steel, petro-chemicals and chemicals sectors are linked to the East Asian and Asian market in a limited way. Hence the extension of Chennai-Visakhapatnam Industrial Corridor into Odisha will act as a gateway to the ASEAN region connecting the supply links. -- .

Odisha hosts ports of Dhamra, Gopalpur and Paradeep which will add value to the development of the Corridor and will stimulate economic activities in the existing and emerging industrial clusters planned in our State. In this regard, Odisha Government has also written to the Central Government.

My request here is that Odisha should be included in the above corridor by extending it up to Balasore for accelerated industrial growth and integrate the State with domestic and global production network.

**माननीय अध्यक्ष :** श्री कुंचर पुष्पेन्द्र सिंह चंदेल को श्री भर्तृहरि महताब द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ संबद्ध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की जाती है।

गणेश सिंह जी, आप बिना किसी का नाम लिए अपनी बात रखेंगे तो ज्यादा अच्छा होगा।