

Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding installation of Doppler Weather Radars in Odisha.

SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA (BALASORE): At the instance of Government of Odisha, the Government of India in 2006 had decided to install 4 Doppler Weather radars at Paradeep, Gopalpur, Sambalpur and Balasore. Land for the same has already been provided and the state government has even completed construction of buildings for Doppler Weather Radar stations at 3 of these locations out of its own funds, and the one at Paradip has been built by CPWD. In spite of there being no typical hurdles, Doppler weather Radars have not been procured by the government for the radar station at Balasore and Sambalpur. In this House, I have time and again raised the issue relating to avoidable deaths due to lightning in my constituency and state. Weather radar system would not only aid us getting timely information about the weather, but also save lives and prevent damage to property.