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Title: Regarding improvement and modernization of stormwater drainage system of Cuttack-Laid.

**SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK):** The Union Government has launched Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) with the overarching aim of providing basic civic amenities like water supply, sewage, urban transport, parks etc. in urban areas. Odisha Government, as per Service Level Improvement Plan (SLIP) under AMRUT, had submitted a project with a cost of Rs.3,700 crore for the development of stormwater drainage system in AMRUT cities.

Over the past few years, a large number of drainage systems in many urban areas of Odisha have collapsed, thereby resulting in flooding. This is evident during the monsoon season in major cities such as Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, Sambalpur, Brahmaptir and Puri In cities prone to rainstorms, proper disposal of surplus stormwater is essential to avoid waterlogging. Due to environmental decline and unauthorised constructions, there has been a severe deterioration in the condition of drainage system.

Since the cost of developing proper stormwater drainage systems in urban zones is getting costlier, Odisha State Government has pleaded for more funding. The request is pending for long. I would urge upon the Union Government to grant approval for the improvement and modernization of stormwater drainage system of Cuttack.