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Title: Regarding central assistance for procurement of modern vehicles for strengthening of fire service in Odisha.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Due to rapid industrialisation and increase in number of hazardous industries and chemical plants at different parts of Odisha particularly in Jharsuguda, Angul, Paradeep, Rayagada and Balasore, the vulnerability of these areas is increasing day by day. To meet industrial accidents, chemical leakages induction of Hazmat vehicles is required.

Likewise, due to rapid urbanisation and lack of land, the construction of high-rise buildings in urban areas is increasing and creating risk of fire hazards particularly in Cuttack, Angul and Rourkela. In these places, there is a need for induction of Hydraulic Platforms in the Fire Stations to be utilized for the fighting and rescue purpose.

Besides, some quick response vehicles are also required for different district headquarters.

In view of the above, central assistance is required for procurement of these modern vehicles for strengthening of fire service in Odisha.