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Title: Demand to extend support for building resilient stable electricity transmission and distribution network in coastal belts of Odisha.

SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY (KENDRAPARA): Sir, Odisha is having about 480 kilometres of sea-coast, which is very often vulnerable to natural calamities, mostly by cyclones and floods every year. During the last five years, Odisha has witnessed severe cyclonic storms like Hudhud, Phailin, Titli, Fani and Bulbul. God forbid, we do not know what we are going to face this year.

Sir, electricity transmission and distribution network in these coastal belts of the State is getting damaged each time due to the landfalls caused by such cyclonic storms with wind speed blowing up to 300 kilometres per hour right up to about 150 kilometres from coastline. The cost of rebuilding the power infrastructure has been enormous stretching to thousands of crores with a lot of hardships to the public each time.

In the face of the above natural disaster striking the State of Odisha, building resilient electricity transmission and distribution network in the vulnerable parts is badly required. It is highly felt that the resilient electricity network needs to be built up in the cyclone-susceptible parts of the State with such design and strength so that it can withstand cyclonic storms with wind speeds up to 300 kilometres.

In view of the above, it is requested that the Central Government may extend support for building resilient stable electricity transmission and distribution network in the coastal belts of Odisha out of the special

funds at its disposal in order to avoid recurring cost of building such infrastructure due to natural disasters time and again.

Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity.

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