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Title: Need to amend rules for CAMPA Funds -laid..

**SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK):** Frequent death of elephants due to electrocution, both deliberate and accidental has become a major concern for the Government over the last 5 to 6 years. The number of deaths has been increasing year after year. To curb the occurrence of such deaths, Odisha Government has undertaken various initiatives such as rectification of sagging lines, coupling of poles, use of insulated conductors and spikes and fencing of sub-stations etc.

In spite of such initiatives, it hasn't been possible to keep the death of elephants in check. State Government also could not take up full-fledged step resulting in unsafe environment for elephants. DISCOMs have made a requisition of Rs. 550 crores for implementation of Phase-IV of the said scheme.

I urge upon the Government to take necessary steps to amend the rules for CAMPA Funds for strengthening electrical infrastructure in elephant movement areas to avoid death of elephants due to electrocution in Odisha.