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Title: Regarding financial support to Odisha for building underground Resilient Stable Electricity Transmission and Distribution Network -laid.

**SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK):** Odisha is having 480 Kilometers of sea coast which is very often vulnerable to natural calamities such as cyclones and floods every year. During the last five years, Odisha has experienced severe cyclonic storms viz., Hud Hud, Phyllin, Titli, Fani and Bulbul which caused severe damage to the Electricity Transmission and Distribution Network across the coastal belts in the State. Despite a lot of hardships to public, the Government has to spend crores of rupees every year in re-building the Power infrastructure. Thus, there is an urgent need to build underground Resilient Stable Electricity Transmission and Distribution Network in the coastal belts of Odisha. I, therefore, urge upon the Union Government to extend financial support to State Government for building underground Resilient Stable Electricity Transmission and Distribution Network across the coastal belts of the State and thus to avoid recurring cost of building Power infrastructure time and again in the State.

