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Title: Need to extend Chennai-Bengaluru industrial corridor to Kochi via Coimbatore.

SHRI BENNY BEHANAN (CHALAKUDY): Thank you, Speaker, Sir. My submission, through you, to the august House is with regard to the extension of Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor to Kochi *via* Coimbatore.

Presently, the Government of India is developing five industrial corridors in the country; namely, Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor, Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor, Bengaluru-Mumbai Economic Corridor, Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor, and East Coast Economic Corridor. Development of the Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor is progressing with the completion of the master plan for the identified nodes along the KCIC.

The Government of Kerala had requested the Government of India to take up the proposal of Kochi-Coimbatore Industrial corridor. In response, the Union Minister directed the State Government to submit a proposal to the National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust. A report on the Kochi-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor prepared by the KSIDC, the nodal agency, was submitted to the NICDIT. The approval of the Corridor is to be accorded by the NICDIT, Government of India.

The GAIL pipeline, which was held up, is now getting completed in this area. To leverage optimally and promote use of natural gas as

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industrial fuel and feedstock in industries, it is desirable to develop an industrial corridor with all requisite basic infrastructure.

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This would promote pollution-free industrialisation and would generate jobs.

Therefore, I would urge upon the Government to take steps for the extension of Chennai – Bengaluru Industrial Corridor to Kochi via Coimbatore.

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मैं सभी माननीय सदस्यों से कहना चाहता हूँ कि आपका विषय लंबा होगा, तो मैं समझ जाऊँगा, बाकी विषय ही ऐसा हो, तो उसे लंबा न खीचें, एक-एक मिनट में अपनी बात कह दें।

सभी माननीय सदस्य, मेरी इस बात से सहमत होंगे।

श्री एंटो एन्टोनी (पथनमथीट्टा): सर, दो-दो मिनट का समय दे दीजिए।

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