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Title: Need to take steps to expedite the establishment of Brahmani Coalfield Limited (BCL) in Dhenkanal Parliamentary Constituency, Odisha.

**SHRI MAHESH SAHOO (DHENKANAL):** Hon. Speaker, Sir, I am very grateful to you for giving me this opportunity as I am a first-time Member and speaking for the first time in this current Session.

Sir, you are aware of the fact that Talcher in my Parliamentary constituency, Dhenkanal has given a huge royalty to the Government of India. The people of Talcher and my Parliamentary constituency has sacrificed a lot for the sake of the nation. But in return, the Government of India is totally neglecting us. I am going to express it in a few words.

Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL), Talcher is one of the largest coal-producing companies and it has crossed its target in terms of coal production. As per the provisions, another company, namely, Brahmani Coalfield Limited (BCL) should also be established, which has not yet been done. Sir, through you, Sir, I request the Government to clarify when BCL would be established. Thank you, Sir.