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Title: Regarding inclusion of Asrukhala Jora, Cuttack district, Odisha in National Wetland Conservation Programme-laid

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Asrukhala Jora of Cuttack district is a vast wetland. This needs to be included in National Wetland Conservation Programme. This wetland has become defunct because of the closing of the mouth of the river Mahanadi- Suka Paika in the early Sixties. Earlier Suka Paika river was feeding water to the wetland and resultant flow generated the wetland for its self-maintenance. Asrukhala Jora wetland of Odisha is the largest wetland of 63 kms which needs to be included in NWCP by geo-tagging, assigning of UID and granting Bio-diversity Park for its long term management in order to shape it as a Tourist spot. I urge upon the Government to take up this project on urgent basis.