

Title : Need to include Berhanpur city under the "National Urban Renewal Mission".

SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU (BERHAMPUR - ORISSA): Thank you, Sir.

Recently, the Urban Development Department of the Government of India has announced the launch of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission throughout the country. They have taken a decision to take in all the State Capitals, metropolitan cities and some important towns of historical importance. In respect of Orissa, they have left out three cities – Berhampur, Cuttack and Sambalpur – which are historically important. Since they have not been included in the National Urban Renewal Mission, the public in these cities are holding rallies, *dhamas* and *bandhs*. There is a lot of discontentment among the people of these three cities. So, I would request the hon. Minister of Urban Development, through you, to reconsider the decision and include these three cities of Berhampur, Cuttack and Sambalpur under the National Urban Renewal Mission.