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Title: Need to set-up coconut oil extraction/food processing plants and Coir industry at Ghatgaon in Keonjhar Parliamentary Constituency, Orissa.

SHRI ANANTA NAYAK (KEONJHAR): Ghatgaon in my Parliamentary Constituency is famous in Orissa for the place of worship of Ma Tarini. She is worshipped as the presiding deity of not only Keonjhar but the whole of Orissa. The people from across the State send thousands of coconut as their offerings to the deity every day. In the process thousands of coconut are offered to the deity. After offerings the coconuts are piled up in the temple complex. In view of the huge stock piling of coconut, there is a vast scope for setting up food processing plant and coconut oil extraction plant at Ghatgaon. Even there is a scope to promote coir industry at that place. If these plants are set up there, thousands of unemployed local people most of whom are SC, ST and OBC, will get employment. These plants will resolve the unemployment problem for the local people to a large extent.

As such, I demand that an oil extraction plant and coconut-based food processing plant and coir industry be set up at Ghatgaon with the 100% Central assistance without any further delay.