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Title: Incident of leakage of Ammonia Gas from Oswal Chemical and Fertilizers Plant, Paradeep, Orissa.

SHRI BRAHMANANDA PANDA (JAGATSINGHPUR): Mr. Speaker Sir, my constituency starts from Paradip Port and ends at Konark Temple which is one of the wonders of the world. Due to the recent leakage of ammonia gas in certain areas of Paradip and Kendrapara, the entire population of both Jagatsinghpur parliamentary constituency as well as Kendrapara parliamentary constituency is in panic. Normal life has already been paralysed. In the meantime, the matter is also brought out in different dailies. But nobody has taken cognisance of such a serious issue. There is every apprehension that a second Bhopal tragedy may occur at Paradip at any point of time.

I would like to know from the hon. Minister for Environment and Forests and the hon. Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers as to what steps they are taking to overcome such an alarming situation. Sir, through you, I appeal to the Government that a Central team should visit the affected areas to assess the situation. Unless preventive measures are taken to overcome such an alarming situation, I hope, there is every apprehension of loss of human life for which the Central Government will be solely liable.