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Title: Need to take steps to reduce Green House Gas emissions in the Country and take steps against NTPC which is being termed as the third biggest emitter of carbon dioxide.

SHRI B. MAHTAB (CUTTACK): I raise an immediate matter of urgent public importance. The matter relates to NTPC, which is termed as the world's third biggest emitter of carbon dioxide as far as power producers go. The United Nations meeting on Climate Change is being held in December. The United States-based Think-Tank Centre for Global Development has released a data that is very disturbing. The rich countries have played the biggest role in hurtling the planet to the age of a crisis.

The United States emits 475 per cent more climate change causing carbon dioxide from its power plants than India simply because it produces six times more energy than India. Yet in India we have relatively inefficient power companies who fare badly in comparison to rich countries power generations. There is a need to find a better road of growth by financing and sharing clean technologies. It is an accepted fact that carbon dioxide typically accumulates and causes global warming over centuries. Rich countries talk in terms of annual total greenhouse gas emissions whereas poor countries discuss on per capital emissions but the historical burden needs to be factored while measuring responsibility for this crisis.

While CGD data is not new, the details of about 50,000 power plants across the world are attracting wide attention. It is alarming to note that not only NTPC but also other Indian power companies that are dependant on fossil fuel for generating electricity also adopt carbon dioxide in a big way. I would urge upon the Government to come forward with the plan and programme that is being followed to cut down greenhouse gas emissions in order to avoid disasters that climate change could cause.

I would also like to know as to what monitoring mechanism is in place and I demand to enforce stringent law to penalize those power plants which are emitting excessive carbon dioxide. I would also like to know as to what steps the Government is taking relating to NTPC which is being termed as the third biggest emitter of carbon dioxide. Will there be a time-bound programme to do it?

**13.23 hrs.**

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Fourteen of the Clock.

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**14.10 hrs.**

*The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at ten  
minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.*

(Shri Devendra Prasad Yadav *in the Chair*)

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