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Title: Need to allocate Chandrabila and Tentulai coal blocks to Odisha Power Generation Corporation and Odisha Thermal Power Corporation Limited respectively.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Odisha Power Generation Corporation (OPGC), a Government of Odisha Undertaking is in the process of setting up 4x660 MW Thermal Power Plant in Phase - II & III for which Manoharpur and dip side of Manoharpur coal blocks have been allocated. OPGC is pursuing capacity addition of another 4x660 MW in the district of Jharsuguda and Dhenkanal.

Odisha Thermal Power Corporation, another State PSU is going ahead with setting up of 3x800 MW thermal power plant at Kamakshyanagar in the district of Dehkanal.

These two PSUs are being considered as the focused projects to meet the partial demand of the State. Both the PSUs have applied for coal block allocation. I would urge upon the Government for allocation of Chandrabila Coal Block to OPGC and Tentuloi coal block to OTPCL so that the PSUs will be able to develop the mine independently and achieve production in a fixed time frame as focused projects of the State would go a long way in meeting the power demand required for accelerating the pace of economic growth while catering to the overall national growth.