Title: Need to allocate additional power from Central Power Generating Station to Orissa.

SHRI B. MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Rapid industrialization and massive rural electrification in Orissa coupled with an erratic monsoon have created a scarcity situation in the State. The power demand of the State is constantly on the rise due to rural electrification and it would be difficult to meet the demand. The availability of power becomes worse when the Thermal Power Stations within the State and outside the State, from which Orissa has share, are on outage.

Keeping the above difficult situation in view, the State quota from Stage-II of Talcher Super Thermal Power Station, Kaniha, which is now being made available to the State in the ratio of 10 percent i.e. 200 MW, should be enhanced to 30 percent as that of Stage-I of Talcher Super Thermal Power Station, Kaniha.

Besides this, 15 percent of the installed capacity of Central Generating Station, Eastern Region aggregating to 894 MW is reserved as unallocated power. The Government has the discretion to allocate out of this reserved power. I would urge upon the Government to allocate some power to Orissa out of this reserved quota.