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Title: Need to establish a Solar Park in Bolangir district, Odisha.

SHRI KALIKESH NARAYAN SINGH DEO (BOLANGIR): Bolangir in the impoverished KBK region is one of the most backward districts in the country. The district suffers from low human development indices. Almost 70 per cent of the population live below poverty line and employment opportunities are limited.

Bolangir receives high levels of solar radiation which makes it an ideal place for Solar Power generation. The solar power plant in Sadeipali, Balangir set up by Raajratna Energy Holdings Private Limited (REHPL), generates 1MW of power on a daily basis.

In view of the backwardness and the suitability of the area for solar power generation, I urge the Central government to establish a Solar Park in Bolangir, Odisha. Government land available near substations in Balangir can be utilised for the setting up of a Solar Park.

Setting up of a solar park would lead to infrastructural growth and expand local employment opportunities. The presence of a solar park will also attract new industries which will lead to all-round development of the district. It would also lead to a reduction of carbon emissions and boost the nation's efforts towards low-carbon growth.