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Title: Need to allocate a coal mine for setting up of a dedicated power plant for Chandigarh.

SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER (CHANDIGARH): Hon. Deputy Speaker, the Union Territory of Chandigarh has no power generation of its own. Currently, the power availability from firm share and unallocated quota from Central Generating Stations is about 200-270 MW. But the demand is ever increasing. In peak summers, it goes up to 275 to 350 MW, and the Chandigarh Administration is buying power from the open market to meet the demand supply gap. Per capita consumption of power in Chandigarh is also expected to increase.

To fulfil the demand of the domestic and commercial sectors, Chandigarh needs to have its own power generation system. The Government of India must allocate a Coal Mine to Chandigarh, so that the UT Administration can set up a captive power plant of about 330 MW at Pithead. I request the Government to make the allocation through competitive bidding, so that the people of Chandigarh don't have to face power outages in future.