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Title: Need to set up a bamboo cluster at Bethnati in Mayurbhanj district.

SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA (BALASORE): Madam, Speaker, thank you for giving me this opportunity to raise this matter.

There is a place called Bethnati in tribal dominated Mayurbhanj district of Odisha which is a part of my parliamentary constituency. This place supplies more than 50 per cent bamboo requirement of the whole of the Eastern India. According to the Agricultural Finance Commission, which is a part of Government of India, the highest survival rate of bamboo is in Bethnati and Mayurbhanj districts. But unfortunately the poor tribals and the locals do not become a beneficiary of the huge produce they make. So, my submission to the Union Government is that a bamboo cluster be made at Bethnati in Mayurbhanj district and incentive be given in the form of capital subsidy and also exemption in tax so that the poor tribals and the people of the area get benefited. It is because they get merely Rs. 100 and the industries who use it earn thousands of rupees. So, in the interest of justice and equity to the poor tribals, this is my submission and demand from the Union Government. Thank you.