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Title: Need to expedite installation and operation of Doppler Weather Radar in Paradip.

DR. KULMANI SAMAL (JAGATSINGHPUR): The East Coast region along the Bay of Bengal in Odisha is a cyclone prone area. Every year during the period from May to November, this region, especially Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, Puri, Balasore and Ganjam districts faces the wrath of disasters resulting in loss of lives and property. Especially, after the 1999 super cyclone, the Government of India following the request of State Government initiated the installation of Doppler Weather Radar in different cyclone prone areas in Coastal Odisha in order to track/forecast the cyclone and measure the wind speed accurately so that timely precautionary measures could be taken. Paradip in my Parliamentary constituency is one of the places in the State, was selected for installation of the Doppler Weather Radar. In this regard, as per the instruction of a team of the Earth Sciences and Bharat Electronics Limited, the Doppler Weather Radar was installed in 2000 in Paradip. However, the same is yet to be functional.

In this regard, I urge upon the Minister of Home Affairs to look into the matter and expedite operation of the Doppler Weather Radar in Paradip, Odisha thereby ensuring effective and advance information about the cyclones which could subsequently save the lives and property.