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Title: Need to take appropriate measures in order to control the level of pollution at Jagatsinghpur, Orissa.

DR. KULMANI SAMAL (JAGATSINGHPUR): Sir, I am thankful to you for giving me this opportunity to raise a very important issue.

I would like to draw your kind attention to the issue that Paradip Port is one of the major seaports of the country and situated in my parliamentary constituency of Jagatsinghpur, Odisha. Since its inception, it has attracted various companies to establish industrial set-ups. Though, over a period of time, industrialization as a process has improved the level of economic prosperity in this region, simultaneously, it is also creating problems like pollution of air, water, soil, etc. leading to severe health hazards like premature heart attacks and respiratory diseases. The pollutants extracted from fertilisers industries, Indian Oil Corporation, Essar Steel, etc. are very harmful and make the local inhabitants suffering from serious diseases. The level of pollution is also getting increased by day by day. In spite of repeated requests to the administration about these industrial set-ups, no action is being taken up by them.

Hence, I request the hon. Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to take appropriate measures in order to control the level of pollution in the region at the earliest.