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Title: Need to set up a solar plant in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI M. MURLI MOHAN (RAJAHMUNDRY): Thank you very much, Sir, for giving me an opportunity to speak on the important matter.

The residual State of Andhra Pradesh which has no Capital city till now, is suffering from a heavy financial crunch including power shortage. After bifurcation of the A.P. State, it has lost the major portion of its revenue. I strongly feel that setting up 1000 megawatt Solar Power Plant in the State of Andhra Pradesh is the need of the hour.

In this connection, the initiative taken by the National Solar Mission, which is promoting development of solar energy system in India is a laudable one. As the entire State of Andhra Pradesh is reeling under the power crisis, if Solar Power Plants with 1000 megawatt is proposed to be set up, it will cater to the needs of the people of Andhra Pradesh. I am also happy to note that Shri Arun Jaitleyji, the hon. Finance Minister has come forward and announced in his maiden General Budget 2014-15, presented to the Parliament that a sum of Rs. 500 crore will be set aside for setting up ultra mega solar power projects in Rajasthan, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Jammu and Kashmir.

I would request the Central Government, through you, that such proposal for setting up of ultra mega solar power projects to the State of Andhra Pradesh may also kindly be extended in the interest of the people of Andhra Pradesh.

I would earnestly request the hon. Minister, through you, to kindly accord permission to set up 1000 megawatt solar power plant in the State of Andhra Pradesh by sanctioning adequate funds so that the people of Andhra Pradesh will not suffer from the power shortage.