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Title: Need to set up a Odisha Hydro Power Corporation Limited Plant in the state.

SHRI BAIJAYANTI JAY PANDA (KENDRAPARA): Odisha, which is a coal bearing state and a significant contributor to the National Clean Energy Fund (NCEF) corpus, has a long list of projects which are in urgent need of funds.

The NCEF corpus, comprising central cess on the coal mined, is being spent for research and development of clean energy technology. According to official sources, the NCEF corpus has reached a considerable amount and is expected to grow further.

The Odisha Hydro Power Corporation Limited (OHPC) is planning to establish a 600 mega watt (MW) pump storage hydro power plant at Upper Indravati. This pump storage hydro power plant, a green energy project, is to meet the peak power requirement in the state. Central PSU WAPCOS has already conducted a preliminary study of the project and found it feasible. The Government of India is urged to consider providing the investment required for the setting up of the OHCP plant.