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Title: Need to improve facilities at fertilizers rake points in Odisha.

SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA (BALASORE): Due to non-availability of required infrastructure at existing rake points and lack of new rake points and two-point rakes, supply of fertilizers and their distribution is affected severely across the state of Odisha. The rake points of Balasore and Rupsa which serve my constituency Balasore, have no platforms and cover shed. There are not adequate godowns. As the state tried to increase its area under high yielding and hybrid varieties of crops, it needs to enhance the consumption level of fertilizers, both chemical and organic, to ensure sustainable crop production and higher productivity. Per hectare consumption of fertilizer in Odisha stands at 60.43 kg, much lower than national average of 165 kg.

Fertilizer rake points need to be provided with platforms, sheds, electricity, approach road for the trucks etc. I urge the government to build the necessary infrastructure which will aid the state's agricultural productivity.