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Personal Message to the Chief Minister

Member of Parliament's Personal Message to the Hon'ble CM

Most Respected Hon'ble CM Shri Naveen Patnaik Ji,

This past few months have been a difficult one for one and all because of the COVID - 19 pandemic and how the disease itself and the restrictions around it have affected large sections of society. Odisha and Kandhamal have been affected too. However, because of the timely steps taken by your Government and the administrators across the state, Odisha has managed to tackle this pandemic very efficiently, being one of the top states in the country in terms of safety measures.

While the Parliament sessions have been cut short in the second half of this year due to lockdown and other safety precautions, these last few months have been best spent with members of the local constituency, spreading awareness, launching hospitals and undertaking several measures to ensure that people are safe and are able to sustain their means of livelihood. For the few days the Lok Sabha was in session, the BJD has been able to put across its views on the floor of the House, ensuring that our state gets the various demands listed before the government.

While we may think that we have managed to control the pandemic, we still remain cautious as global news show second and third waves spreading across major countries. Our next step should be the efficient and equitable distribution of the vaccine, especially to those most vulnerable to this diseases, and definitely to those working day and night on the frontlines.

I am certain we will move forward with more gusto in the future and conquer COVID - 19, while focusing on economic and social measures which will take our state of Odisha to newer highs. I once again thank you, the Biju Janata Dal and the People of Odisha's faith in me as their Parliamentary representative.

Thanking you,
Sincerely,

Achyuta Samanta

Debates

Participated in Lok Sabha

20 September, 2020: Discussion under Rule 193 on COVID-19 pandemic in India

21 September, 2020: Debate on Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Bill, 2020

Details, brief summary and points of argument raised in each individual debate follow below:

Discussion under Rule 193 on COVID-19 pandemic in India

No	Date	Bill Name and Topic	Summary/ Points of Argument
1	20 September, 2020	Discussion under Rule 193 on COVID-19 pandemic in India	<p>Discussion under Rule 193 on COVID-19 pandemic in India</p> <p>Highlighted the stellar work done by the Odisha Government to fight the pandemic by providing free COVID - 19 treatment to all patients in the state and the establishment of COVID Hospitals including COVID Care Centres in every district of Odisha. The timely initiatives undertaken by the state government ensured that the spread of pandemic was slow and always under control.</p> <p>Emphasised the fact that the death rate due to the pandemic was the lowest in Odisha when compared to the national average. Requested the Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare to ensure that PPE Kits and masks are of proper quality and to provide assistance to patients in their post-COVID recovery.</p> <p>Video Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68HBj_Hp1Uo</p>

Debate on Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Bill, 2020

No	Date	Bill Name and Topic	Summary/ Points of Argument
2	21 September, 2020	Debate on Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Bill, 2020	<p>Discussion on Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Bill, 2020</p> <p>Participated in the discussion on Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Bill, 2020</p> <p>Supported the introduction of the amendment as the need of the hour is to ensure that the professionals in the healthcare sectors are able to carry on their duties seamlessly without any threat to their being and property.</p> <p>Highlighted the important work being done by COVID - 19 warriors across the country and requested the government to take stern action against people who harass COVID -19 warriors while they perform their duties.</p> <p>Video Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tIWqnIkDdHI</p>

Committee Meetings

Parliamentary Committee on External Affairs

As a part of the Parliamentary Committee on External Affairs, attended several meetings of the aforesaid Committee, listening to and contributing in important issues raised by the Ministry of External Affairs, including:

Date	Agenda
16 July, 2020	Oral evidence given by the representatives of multiple ministries on the Anti-Maritime Piracy Bill, 2019. The ministries involved included the Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Shipping, and Ministry of Law and Justice. Considering, India has a long coastline and most trade happens through maritime transport, the proposed bill has the potential to strengthen India's capability to protect our coastline by providing punishment for the offence of piracy on high seas. The bill will provide economic safety to ship owners who find it hard to employ crews that are willing to travel through high-risk areas and will also increase the capability of shipping countries to trade via sea.
17 July, 2020	To consider and adopt the recommendations contained in the Twenty-Third Report on the 'Issues relating to migrant workers' including appropriate legislative framework and skill development initiatives for prospective emigrants. To address the various issues relating to migration, the committee made several recommendations such as (a) Government should put in place a strong mechanism for inter-ministerial coordination and cooperation with State Governments to improve governance on migration (b) maintenance of database relating to various aspects of migration such as a profile of migrants, their job profile, country of destination, and complaints registered (c) Government should make efforts to curb exploitation and harassment of migrant workers. In total, the committee made 30 recommendations out of which the Government accepted 17. Furthermore, the committee noted that even after the lapse of 1 year, there are 9 recommendations whose final Action Taken replies are still awaited.

Date	Agenda
29 July, 2020	<p>The meeting was with respect to two issues. The first one being oral evidence by the representatives of multiple ministries on the Anti-Maritime Piracy Bill, 2019. The committee raised several questions with respect to the implementation of the provision of the bill, the authorities that will be responsible for such implementation, issue of jurisdiction, provision of the death penalty among others. The second agenda of the meeting was in relation to a briefing by the Ministries of External Affairs, Health, and Family Welfare, Commerce and Industry, Finance, and Civil Aviation on India's contribution around the globe towards the fight against COVID 19. The stated Ministries put before the committee the Action Initiated by each of them for management of COVID 19.</p>
11 August, 2020	<p>In addition to the discussion on COVID 19 situation in India, the main agenda of the meeting focussed on India's Extradition Treaties with foreign countries as well as issues relating to asylum, cybersecurity, and financial crimes. The committee was made aware that the Government is in the process of broadening its extradition network with countries having citizenship by investment programs or favorable permanent residency or passport regimes through investment route. Furthermore, India has established bilateral cyber dialogues with major players and international organizations including the UK, USA, EU, France, Germany, Brazil, and Australia.</p>
26 August, 2020	<p>The agenda of the meeting was with respect to oral evidence given by the representatives of multiple ministries on the subject 'India's Soft Power and Cultural Diplomacy: Prospects & Limitations'. Ministry of Education highlighted its efforts in strengthening relations with other countries through educational cooperation and collaboration. To date, India has signed Educational Exchange Programs with 55 countries. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting highlighted the Government's effort in popularising Yoga and providing low production costs to the movie industry for the purpose of making films, by advertising India as an appealing destination for film production. Furthermore, the committee was made aware of certain decisions taken by the NITI Aayog towards providing a collective, coordinated, and synergistic approach to promote Indian Culture.</p>

Date	Agenda
27 August, 2020	<p>The discussion was in continuance to the topic of extradition treaties, asylum, cyber-security, and financial crimes. For the purpose of combating transnational crimes and international terrorism, the discussion revolved around Mutual Legal Assistance Treaties (MLATs) in Criminal Matters and MoU on Prevention and Combating Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances. As of 20.8.2020, MLATs in criminal matters are in force with 40 countries and MoUs on security cooperation, narcotic drugs, and other related fields are in force with 42 countries. Furthermore, the Government has released SOPs that are to be followed in dealing with foreign nationals who claim to be refugees.</p>
7 September, 2020	<p>The committee was briefed by representatives of the Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Finance on India's bilateral investment treaties. With the approval of the Cabinet, a new Model Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) text was adopted in 2015. After such approval, the Government has initiated the process of termination of exiting BITs whose duration has concluded and has begun the process of renegotiating these treaties. Presently, older BITs are still in force with 7 countries, and negotiations of various International Investment Agreements (IIAs) are in various stages with 33 countries. Furthermore, there have been 35 dispute notices by investors against the Republic of India.</p>
8 September, 2020	<p>The committee was briefed by the representatives of the Ministry of External Affairs with respect to India's Neighborhood First Policy. The Policy focusses on delivering benefits like greater connectivity, improved infrastructure, stronger development cooperation in various sectors, enhanced security and broader people-to-people contacts. For this purpose the Ministry of External Affairs put before the committee various projects which the Government has undertaken with our neighbours namely, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal Sri Lanka and Pakistan. Additionally, the Ministry stressed on the role played by India through SAARC and BIMSTEC</p>

Meetings were chaired by Shri PP Chaudhary.

Parliamentary Committee on Railways

As a part of the Parliamentary Committee on Railways, attended several meetings of the aforesaid Committee, listening to and contributing in important issues raised by the Ministry of External Affairs, including:

Date	Agenda
16 October, 2020	The agenda of the meeting was the consideration and adoption of Memorandum No.1 which stated the subjects for examination by the Committee and to chalk out a future program of the Committee. The members of the Committee were made aware of the jurisdiction and functions of the Committee. Moreover, the new members of the Committee were told about various Reports that were presented to the house and a review of work undertaken by the Committee in 2019-20.
25 November, 2020	The meeting was with respect to two issues. The first one being consideration and adoption of Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations of the Committee contained in the 2nd Report on “Demand for Grants (2019-20) of the Ministry of Railways”. Few important recommendations included large-scale upgradation and modernisation of the Railway network, expediting the implementation of the National Rail Plan, ironing out bottlenecks that have resulted in non-materialisation of land monetisation. The second issue was with respect to consideration and adoption of Action Taken by the Government on the Recommendations of the Committee contained in the 3rd Report on “Demand for Grants (2020-21) of the Ministry of Railways”. Herein, the Committee again made some recommendations with respect to enhancing the budgetary allocation to the Railways, diversification of railways freight business, strengthen their planning, management, and monetary mechanisms to earn substantial non-fare revenues.

Date	Agenda
16 December, 2020	<p>The committee was briefed by the representatives of the Ministry of Railways on the subject 'Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on Railway Operations'. The members were made aware that the lockdown had a serious disruption to rail traffic including freight and passenger traffic, especially in the month of March and April. However, railway freight has been growing consistently since May, 2020. Severe impact has also been observed with respect to passenger traffic there was negative revenue figures due to large volume of cancellation but recently there has been a positive trend with the resumption of train services.</p>

Question Hour

Questions Raised in the Question Hour

No.	Q. No.	Q. Type	Date	Ministry	Subject
1	17	UNSTARRED	14.09.2020	FINANCE	GST on Electric Two Wheelers
2	214	UNSTARRED	14.09.2020	EDUCATION	Teachers Training for Disabled Students
3	316	UNSTARRED	15.09.2020	FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING	National Fisheries Policy (2020)
4	569	UNSTARRED	16.09.2020	DEFENCE	MRO Hub in Defence Sphere
5	1158	UNSTARRED	19.09.2020	TOURISM	Relief to Hotel Industry and Tourism Sector
6	1490	UNSTARRED	20.09.2020	AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE	Bio-Fertilizer Production
7	1797	UNSTARRED	21.09.2020	ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	Incentives for Electronics Manufacturing
8	1941	UNSTARRED	22.09.2020	SHIPPING	COVID-19 Impact on Cargo Traffic Handling
9	2162	UNSTARRED	23.09.2020	ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE	PPF Model in Afforestation Programmes

Details of Questions Framed and Answers received from the respective Ministries is enclosed as Appendix- I

Zero Hour

Questions Raised in the Zero Hour

Question (20 September, 2020)

Long Term Disaster Resilient Infrastructure in Odisha

Raised a demand for funds for building long term disaster-resilient infrastructure in Odisha. In the last two decades Odisha has been hit by numerous powerful cyclones including the 1999 super cyclone 'Phailin', Hudhud and Fani. The efforts of the Odisha Government with respect to risk minimisation, quick response, rehabilitation and recovery during natural disasters has been praised worldwide. However, considering the recurring nature of cyclones in Odisha there is a lack of long term disaster-resilient infrastructure in the state. Requested the Hon'ble Minister of Finance and the Hon/ble Minister of Home Affairs to provide Odisha with special funds for building long term disaster-resilient infrastructure.

Full Excerpt of Speech below:

Funds for building long term disaster-resilient infrastructure in Odisha

Odisha is the most disaster and cyclone prone state in the country. In the last 100 years, over 260 cyclonic disturbances had their landfall along the Odisha coast. The major cyclones that have hit the state in the last two decades are the 1999 super cyclone, Phailin in 2013, Hudhud in 2014, Titli in 2018 and Fani in 2019. Besides, it is also prone to floods and droughts.

Odisha, under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik ji has been hailed for its disaster management strategies and plans worldwide, including from the UN and World Bank. Odisha's efforts at a well-targeted evacuation plan, which had involved moving more than one million people into storm shelters during Fani has been applauded worldwide. Even during Cyclone Amphan, Odisha has helped West Bengal in recovery and rehabilitation. Odisha has performed well in various parameters including Risk Minimisation, Response, Rehabilitation and Recovery but long term infrastructure which is disaster-resilient is still a grey area considering the recurring nature of cyclones.

Coastal housing in Odisha is still quite vulnerable to cyclones and heavy rains. Power infrastructure is completely over-ground, leaving it extremely exposed during natural disasters. Disruption of the electrical system also has an effect on health systems, water supply, communication and transport, etc. which become even more vital during natural disasters for help to reach the unreachable.

I recognise and appreciate the initiative of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modiji who launched the Coalition for Disaster-Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) at the UN Secretary-General's Climate Action Summit in New York for a knowledge-management and capacity development in 2019. Through Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs and Finance, I place my request to provide Odisha with special funds for building long term disaster-resilient infrastructure to minimise the need for evacuation, but also save on the systematic investments that are made when household assets are lost during a disaster as recovery. Our Hon'ble CM of Odisha has also sought a long-term package of around Rs 20,000 crore from rom the Centre to build disaster-resilient infrastructure in energy, housing and coastal embankment.

- Achyutananda Samanta

Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iP9uQwX4i78>

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Letters to Ministers

Various Letters written to different Union Ministers

No.	Date	Minister/ Ministry	Subject
1	15 December, 2020	Shri Prahlad Singh Patel Ji, Minister of Culture (Independent Charge)	Classical Status for Odissi Music

Text of Letters:

1. Classical Status for Odissi Music

Ref.No.MP-LS/330/20

Date: 15/12/2020

Shri Prahlad Singh Patel
Hon'ble Minister of Culture (Independent Charge)
Government of India, Room no. 501, C Wing, Shastri Bhavan
New Delhi- 110015

Respected Shri Prahlad Singh Patel ji,

Odisha happens to one of the prominent custodians of the serene Indian culture. Odissi music has a glorious legacy dating back to 2nd century BC when king Kharvela, the ruler of Kalinga, patronised Odissi music and dance. Odissi music, like Odissi dance, has its own characteristic features for being recognised as a classical form. It has its own tradition, texts, ragas, talas, gita and a distinctive classical style of recital imparting enormous importance to lyrical novelty where renditions are offered without fragmentation or alteration.

The Union government recognised Odissi dance as a classical dance in 1964 and Odia language was conferred with classical status in 2014.

Odissi dance has already carved a niche for itself at the global stage with the glory of century old Jagannath culture and tradition embedded in it. Odissi music is the most inalienable pristine soul of this globally acclaimed dance form. The classical status to Odissi music would enable setting up centres of excellence for promotion of the music which would further the worldwide acceptance of such an incredible form of music representing the cultural brilliance of our nation across the globe. I came to understand that Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha, S. Naveen Patnaik has already intimated the above facts to your good office in his letter. The entire people of Odisha are early awaiting for Classical status to Odissi Music.

I sincerely look forward to your kind support towards conferring classical status on Odissi music. This would go a long way with respect to venerate the sentiments of millions of Odias and a large number of devotees of Lord Jagannath across the nations.

Sincerely yours

(Achyutananda Samanta)

Kandhamal Constituency - Efforts and Roadmap

Guided by the words and direction of our Hon'ble Chief Minister, in accordance with the 5T's philosophy specified by him, I am proud to have worked humbly for the people of Kandhamal these past few months.

Guiding words

"Time is the most crucial factor which nobody can ignore. I am sure, all of you will diligently handle the issues by using the 5-Ts (Transparency, Teamwork, Technology, Time and Transformation) of our governance and measure up to the expectations of the people."

People are at the centre of all our governance initiatives....

**- Naveen Patnaik,
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha**

26 July, 2020

Free Professional Education to Children of COVID-19 deceased at KIIT

Announcement of free professional education to the children of COVID 19 deceased at KIIT. Noting that COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted and devastated normal life and livelihoods of the people of Odisha, KIIT Deemed to be University said it has extended a helping hand to the families of the Covid deceased. Acting on a proposal by the founder of KIIT and KISS and MP, Dr Achyuta Samanta, KIIT-DU has decided to provide technical and professional education absolutely free of cost to the children of the Covid deceased.



29 July, 2020

Popularising Plasma Donation in Odisha



30 August - 3 September, 2020

Transport of Students appearing for JEE/NEER Examination in collaboration with Mo Paribar

Facilitation of the transport of the students who appeared for JEE and NEET Examination in collaboration with Odisha Mo Paribar

Free Transportation, fooding and lodging for the students in Odisha. The students have to inform the nearby nodal centres and arrangements would be made for their free stay in polytechnic institutes, engineering colleges & ITIs. In each district, one ITI has been made as nodal centre for transportation and accommodation and student have to contact the nodal ITIs to register themselves if they need help for transportation/accommodation.

27 September, 2020

Promotion of Kandhamal Tourism

"Being a representative of people from Kandhamal in Lok Sabha, I got an opportunity to travel, explore, experience each and every nook and corner of Kandhamal Parliamentary Constituency. I had visited it earlier too, but never in so much detail." said Prof. Achyuta Samanta, MP, Kandhamal.

He added, "Let me tell you, it's spectacular - hills, forests, waterfalls, monuments, and extremely hospitable people. Secrets like Daringbadi, Putudi Falls, Ludu Falls, Kotgarh wildlife sanctuary Belghar and Mandasaru are just waiting to be explored. Odisha Tourism has taken various innovative measures to popularize it, especially exploring by way of road trips."

Hon'ble MP has also reviewed 12 tourists spots in Kandhamal and have a plan ready to bolster the efforts of Odisha Government.





27 October, 2020

Campaign for mid term polls at Tirtol Assembly Constituency

Under the leadership of Kandhamal MP and Achyuta Samanta, more than hundred people of Raghunathpur block of his birth land and Tirtol constituency have joined BJD today.

In the context of Tirtol by-election in the support of Biju Janata Dal candidate Shri Bijay's Das, in the support of the State Yojana Board Vice President Mr. Sanjay Das Barma and other leaders of Biju Janata Dal, 300 has joined Biju Janata Dal and started working actively.

Honorable MP Shri Achyuta Samanta, former minister as well as Vice President of State Planning Board Mr. Sanjay Daswarma, State Secretary of Biju Janata Dal, Shri Durga Samantaray and Block President Shri Debashish Tripash, Chief Minister Naveen Patra's speech to the people. Requested to make him win by voting in large numbers on the symbol.





5 November, 2020

Review Meeting of COVID-19 situation in Kandhamal

Had a detailed discussion on #COVID19 management and the ongoing development work at Kandhamal with the Collector And District Magistrate Dr Brunda D and Mr. Subhankar Mahapatra, IAS, Sub Collector Baliguda. Assured that under their able leadership Kandhamal will successfully fight the pandemic without losing the focus on development.

Met with Office of MP Kandhamal representatives, Block & Youth Coordinators at Circuit House in Phulbani. Discussed :

- Ongoing Covid 19 Management
- Development work including infrastructure building, skill enhancement, employment and sensitisation on government schemes



5 November, 2020

Assistance to Small Scale Fish Farmers in Kandhamal

The #COVID19 pandemic has upended all sectors of business and life. It has affected the people at the margins the most. Collectorate, Kandhamal has come to the rescue of small scale fish farmers by providing them autorickshaws and ice boxes to ease their burden of transportation and storage. Glad that I could be a part of this thoughtful initiative.



5 November, 2020

Provision for Employment of thousands of Kandhamal youth at KPR Mills

With my personal efforts, I have been able to persuade KPR Mills Ltd Group Chairman KP Ramasamy ji to recruit youth from Kandhamal for their operations in Coimbatore after focussed skill training here. I am glad to share that he has agreed our proposal and assured to provide employment to thousands of our youth. In fact, a small group of interns have already gone and acquired job experience. Today, we handed them their offer letters from KPR Mills Pvt. Ltd. This has given me great satisfaction and I vow to continue working towards providing gainful employment for our youth of Kandhamal.



6 November, 2020

Mask and Sanitisation Material Distribution at SADHAN

Distributed masks and essential sanitisation materials to the members of SADHAN (Society for Accelerated Development of Harijan and Adivasi Nationals), a non-profit humanitarian organization that develops and administers foster care, health, education and community development in Phulbani, Odisha. They are aware and sensitised about the hand and respiratory hygiene.





8 November, 2020

Mask Distribution Across Kandhamal



18 November, 2020

Visit to Boudh

Visit to Adenigada Gram Panchayat Office, Awareness on Covid 19 protocol



Inauguration of the community centre near Maa Bhairavi Mandir at Purunacuttack, Boudh. This community centre has been made by Harbhanga panchayat Samiti. It is for local people and tourists who come for offering prayers to Maa Bhairavi





Met with the Collector, DM and Senior Government Officials for discussing development work



6 December, 2020

Visit to Daspalla

Foundation stone laying ceremony of Kalyan Mandap at Bhogubali.



Attended a meeting organized in the premises of the local Biripakshwar temple and gave food to the public along with various social welfare schemes to the eligible beneficiaries



Innauguration of Maliksahi Community Centre at Bijayanagar, Gania.
 Innauguration of Raghunathjew Community Centre at Gania.
 Foundation stone laying ceremony of Mini Stadium, Gania.



Distribution of OAP, PMAY work order & meeting with PRI member & Party meeting.





8 to 11 December, 2020

Visit to Phulbani, Daringbadi and other areas

Inauguration of Daringwadi Eco-Retreat Tourism Fair



Review Meeting at Udayagiri block



Distribution of various sports materials to district level sports talents in Raikia block. Inauguration of an Anganwadi center and community center at Tagakia, a market complex at Mandasur square, two libraries in Gumagarh and Sugabadi village panchayat and an Anganwadi centre in Murudhikupada.



Visited mini-stadium at Baliguda block





Attended a meeting held at Tumulibandha. Inaugurated the newly constructed Gudadei community center at Dharani Sahi Mundigada and then the most awaited Piju road construction



Reviewed the sports facilities at Phulbani, Baliguda and Udaygiri and discussed ways to upgrade



Visited various areas of Kotgarh, Tumulibandh and Baliguda block





Inauguration of Market Complex and Anchalika Vikash Parishad Office at Dasingibadi.
 Inauguration of Market Complex at Pliheri & Site visit for School.
 Inauguration of Market Complex & Angan Wadi Centre at Bhramarbadi.
 Inauguration of Post office at Daringibadi



17 December, 2020

Meeting with Hon'ble Union Minister of Culture and Tourism

Requested Shri Prahlad Singh Patel Ji, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Culture and Tourism to accord 'classical' tag to Odissi music as urged by Hon'ble Odisha Chief Minister, Shri Naveen Patnaikji. It will fulfil the long-cherished dream of the music lovers of Odisha and India.



17 December, 2020

Meeting with Hon'ble Union Minister of Tribal Affairs

Visited Shri Arjun Munda ji, Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs yesterday and discussed issues related to development of tribal people in Kandhamal. Assured by Hon'ble Minister of his positive intervention.



18 December, 2020

Visit to Bhanjanagar

Attended flagging off ceremony of Swachhata Awareness Vehicle at Durga Prasad.
Attended Plantation drive at Anganwadi Centre & inaugural ceremony of Community Centre at Durgaprasad.

Attended rally and distribute Mask, Sanitizer and other Covid awareness materials at Durgaprasad & attend inaugural ceremony of Mission Shakti Gruha at Bediguba.

Attended rally and distribute Mask, Sanitizer and other Covid awareness materials at G. Rambha main road. Attended cleanliness drive at Dadarlunda.

Attended rally and distribute Mask, Sanitizer and other Covid awareness materials at Dadarlunda.





23 December, 2020

Visit to Jagannathprasad

Attended flagging off ceremony of Swachhata Awareness Vehicle at Kumpapada.
 Attended inaugural ceremony of Kothaghar near Kumpapada Radha Krushna Temple.
 Attended inaugural ceremony of Anganwadi Centre (B) at Kumpapada.
 Attended Plantation drive at Kumpapada Primary School.
 Attended inaugural ceremony of Information cum Library centre at Badadanda Sahi, Kumpapada.

Distributed Mask, Sanitizer and other Covid awareness materials to public at Badadanda Sahi of Kumpapada.

Attended inaugural ceremony of Mission Shakti Centre at Kumpapada.

Distributed Mask, Sanitizer and other Covid awareness materials to public at Panchabhuti village.

Attended inaugural ceremony of Anganwadi Centre at Gouda Sahi of Panchabhuti.

Attended Plantation drive at Panchabhuti High School.

Attended Swachhata Awareness mela and felicitation of Covid Warriors and Green Pledge by all.

Attended foundation stone laying ceremony for infrastructure development & construction of new building of T.S.D. College B.D.Pur.



Media Reports

On a number of occasions, my opinions both as a Member of Parliament in the Lok Sabha or through my developmental activities in Kandhamal, or our support during COVID - 19 have been covered widely by print and digital media.

Details of all media reports are attached in Appendix- II

Appendix - I

Questions Raised during Question Hour and Answers received
from respective Ministries

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.17

TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY THE 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2020
BHADRAPADA 23, 1942 (SAKA)

GST ON ELECTRIC TWO WHEELERS

17. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council has considered reduction of GST on affordable and electric two wheelers, considering they are a basic necessity for most Indian citizens;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that with the advent and the after effects of COVID - 19, more and more people will be inclined towards personal modes of transportation;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has any plans of reducing the GST rates on two-wheelers to make it more accessible to the average citizens; and
- (e) if so, the timeline fixed in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) and (b): GST rate on electric vehicles (including electric two-wheelers) was considered in the 36th Council Meeting held on 27th July, 2019. In this meeting, the Council approved reduction of GST rate on all electric vehicles from 12% to 5%. Accordingly, notification No. 12/2019-Central Tax (Rate) dated 31st July, 2019 was issued whereby GST rate on electrically operated vehicles (including two wheelers) was brought down to 5%.

(c), (d) and (e): Change in rate of GST is made on the basis of recommendations of the GST Council. At present, there is no recommendation from GST Council regarding reduction of GST rate on two-wheelers.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 214
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.09.2020

Teachers Training for Disabled Students

214. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government aims to introduce a mechanism for training teachers specially for students with disabilities and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of alternative homeschooling mechanisms that are accessible to a student with disabilities; and
- (c) considering that according to the 8th All India School Education Survey (AISES) out of 58,76,273 teachers, only 80,942 (1.32%) teachers have received training in inclusive education, whether the Government has any plans of providing training programmes to teachers which specifically focuses on inclusive education and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) There is a proper dedicated mechanism to provide teachers training under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme Samagra Shiksha. This teacher education programme is recurrent at block/cluster levels with the support of SCERT, SRGs, KRPs, etc. and integrated with the on-going in-service teacher education/training schedules in DIETs and other Institutions. Teacher education modules at NCERT, SCERT, DIET and BRC level includes suitable components on education of children with special needs.

Further, the Department has launched National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA). It aims to build competencies among all the teachers and school principals at the elementary stage. The concerns of Children with Special Needs (CWSN) are also addressed along with other to integrate their concerns within education system.

(b) Under the scheme, the intervention for home based education is provided to those children who have severe intellectual and physical disabilities and who cannot access neighbourhood school owing to their condition. The child is recommended home schooling after a comprehensive assessment by a team of doctors and specialists. Under Samagra Shiksha, during the year 2020-21, an outlay of Rs 2588.06 lakh covering 1,12,748 CWSN has been approved for home based education in all States and Union Territories.

(c) In order to provide qualitative education to differently-abled students, 424285 general teachers have been provided training for addressing the needs of differently-abled students. Apart from the above, 28285 dedicated special educators have been recruited by all the states and UTs who work on itinerant mode for addressing the scholastic and co-scholastic needs of differently abled students in government and government aided schools in the year 2018-19. The details of general teachers who have been given training on curriculum adaptation including learning disabilities under Samagra Shiksha are given at **annexure-I**.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 214 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.09.2020 ASKED BY SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA, M.P. REGARDING “TEACHERS TRAINING FOR DISABLED STUDENTS”.

General Teachers trained on curriculum adaptations.

Sr. No.	State/UT	Total Trained Govt. Teachers (CWSN)	Total Trained Aided. Teachers (CWSN)	Total trained teachers (Govt.+Aided)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	110	0	110
2	Andhra Pradesh	518	135	653
3	Arunachal Pradesh	422	3	425
4	Assam	11363	83	11446
5	Bihar	11232	71	11303
6	Chandigarh	478	28	506
7	Chhattisgarh	12995	253	13248
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	82	0	82
9	Daman & Diu	109	35	144
10	Delhi	1298	224	1522
11	Goa	188	321	509
12	Gujarat	65	783	848
13	Haryana	1344	11	1355
14	Himachal Pradesh	1379	0	1379
15	Jammu And Kashmir	1152	1	1153
16	Jharkhand	4422	91	4513
17	Karnataka	186282	0	186282
18	Kerala	1958	4298	6256
19	Lakshadweep	25	0	25
20	Madhya Pradesh	14179	103	14282
21	Maharashtra	39	7747	7786
22	Manipur	82	15	97
23	Meghalaya	274	159	433
24	Mizoram	175	85	260
25	Nagaland	220	0	220
26	Odisha	162	7	169
27	Puducherry	250	24	274
28	Punjab	6917	362	7279
29	Rajasthan	8062	0	8062
30	Sikkim	170	0	170
31	Tamil Nadu	82185	20255	102440
32	Telangana	1319	96	1415
33	Tripura	415	4	419
34	Uttar Pradesh	18388	1172	19560
35	Uttarakhand	965	59	1024
36	West Bengal	18600	36	18636
	Total	387824	36461	424285

Source: UDISE+ 2018-19

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 316

TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

‘NATIONAL FISHERIES POLICY (2020)’

316. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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- (a) whether the Government has considered introducing the National Marine Fisheries Policy (2017), a draft National Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy (NFP 2019) and a draft National Mariculture Policy (2019);
- (b) whether the draft National Fisheries Policy (2020) will replace the existing policies, if implemented, the status of the draft policies introduced in 2019 if the draft NFP, 2020 is implemented;
- (c) the details of the use of ‘mitigation measures’ in case of aquaculture, that is known for causing an immense amount of pollution; and
- (d) whether the Government plans to provide traditional fish workers with financial assistance by considering the fact that such workers were left out of the Rs. 1.7 lakh crore relief package under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi, and if not, the reasons thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING:

(SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI)

- (a) & (b) Government has decided for introducing a comprehensive and integrated ‘National Fisheries Policy, 2020’ by integrating the National Policy on Marine Fisheries, 2017 (NPMF), the Draft National Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy (NIFAP) and the Draft National Mariculture Policy (NMP) along with the elements of Post Harvest.
- (c) The Guidelines for regulating Coastal Aquaculture appended to the Coastal Aquaculture Authority Rules, 2005 under the Coastal Aquaculture Authority Act, 2005 provides various measures, which *inter alia* include environment impact assessment, environment monitoring and management plan, waste water management and integrated coastal zone management in order to address the environmental issues and to ensure environmentally responsible and socially accepted aquaculture in coastal areas.
- (d) Government of India has announced a new dedicated scheme for fisheries sector namely Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) under Atmanirbhar Bharat COVID-19 Relief Package. The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) under its various components provide financial assistance for traditional fishers including fish workers for various enlisted activities in the scheme including livelihood and nutritional support for socio-economically backward active traditional fishers’ families during fishing ban/lean period for conservation of fisheries resources.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.569
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16th SEPTEMBER, 2020

MRO HUB IN DEFENCE SPHERE

569. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to make India a Manufacturing, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) hub in the defence sphere and if so, the details thereof and the initiatives taken and concessions provided in this regard and if not, the details therefor; and
- (b) whether the Government has any plans of involving HAL and MDL shipyards to invest in such hubs to subsidise Government investment and produce more “Make in India” products; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) to (c): The Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul (MRO) sector has the potential to act as a pivot for the development of the Aerospace & Defence sector.

The recent rationalization in the GST structure is likely to facilitate MRO activities within India.

There are large number of public and private MRO facilities including HAL catering to Military and Commercial aerospace within the country.

This sector would also open opportunities for the components industry and their active involvement would enable life-cycle support of the major platforms.

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1158
ANSWERED ON 19.09.2020**

RELIEF TO HOTEL INDUSTRY AND TOURISM SECTOR

1158. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is taking any steps to revive the hotel and restaurant industry which have been one of the worst hit because of the COVID-19 pandemic and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme or provide relief for the hotel, restaurants and tourism based sectors due to COVID-19 pandemic; and**
- (c) whether the Government will be considering provision of subsidies in the form of bearing a percentage of diner bills, an example of which can be obtained from the United Kingdom's recent decision to bear 50 per cent of diner bills so as to encourage people to eat out, and if not whether the government has any similar progressive steps to help the F&B industry and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Tourism has taken the following steps to revive the tourism industry hit by the COVID-19 pandemic:

- i. The Ministry has formulated and issued operational recommendations for hotels, restaurants, B&Bs/Homestays and farm stays and other Tourism Service providers to facilitate smooth resumption of business.**

- ii. **An initiative called SAATHI (System for Assessment, Awareness & Training for Hospitality Industry) has been developed, for effective implementation of Guidelines/SOPs issued with reference to COVID-19 and beyond for safe operations of Hotels, restaurants, B&Bs and other units.**
- iii. **The Ministry has been in regular touch with the industry stakeholders through several rounds of discussions and brainstorming sessions and examined their suggestions carefully. All such proposals have been taken up with the concerned Ministries and Departments of Government of India. Similarly, the issues pertaining to the relief measures expected from the States/UTs have been pursued with them at the highest level.**
- iv. **The Ministry of Tourism has constituted a Task Force under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Tourism to meet the challenge posed by the outbreak of COVID-19 and make appropriate recommendations for the revival of the tourism sector in the country. The Task Force includes State Tourism Ministers, Joint Secretary level officers of the concerned Central Ministries and representatives from associations like FICCI, CII, ASSOCHAM, WTCII as well as heads of tourism and hospitality associations.**

(C): No, Sir. The Ministry has not considered subsidies in the form of bearing a percentage of diner bills. It has focused on measures to rebuild the trust of the domestic & international travellers in terms of India being the safe destination through safety measures and protocols.

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE**

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1490
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

BIO-FERTILIZER PRODUCTION

1490. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE □□□□ □□□□
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be pleased to state;

- (a) whether the Government is taking any steps to promote the usage of bio-fertilizers as an alternative to chemical fertilizers and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is considering a scheme of bundling bio-fertilizers with urea bags, to ensure their usage in farms across the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the number of bio-fertilizer production units set up under the Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme till date, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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□□□ □□□ (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a) Government of India has been promoting production and use of bio-fertilizers under various schemes/ Programmes including Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme (CISS), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER), National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP), National Food Security Mission (NFSM). The details are at Annexure I.
- (b) As of now no such proposal is under consideration. Government of India has been

STEPS TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT FOR PROMOTION OF BIOFERTILISERS

- Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme (CISS): **Government of India promotes the production of bio-fertilizers under Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme (CISS) by providing 100% assistance to State Govt/ Govt. Agencies upto a maximum limit of Rs.160.00 lakh/ unit for Setting up of State of art liquid/ carrier based Bio-fertilizer units of 200 Ton Per Annum (TPA) capacity. Similarly, for individuals/ private agencies assistance up to 25% of cost limited to Rs.40 lakh/unit as capital investment is provided.**
- Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY): **Assistance of Rs50,000 per hectare/ 3 years is given, out of which Rs. 31,000 (62%) is provided to the farmers directly through DBT, for inputs (bio-fertilizers, biopesticides, vermicompost, botanical extracts etc.) production/ procurement etc.**
- Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region: (MOVCDNER): **Farmers are given assistance of Rs25000/ ha/ 3 years for both on-farm & off-farm organic inputs, and seeds/ planting material.**
- National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP): **Financial assistance @50% subsidy to the tune of Rs. 300/- per ha is being provided for different components including bio-fertilizers, supply of Rhizobium culture/Phosphate Solubilising Bacteria (PSB)/ Zinc Solubilising Bacteria(ZSB)/ Azatobacter/ Mycorrhiza and vermi compost**
- National Food Security Mission (NFSM): **Under NFSM, financial assistance is provided for promotion of Bio-Fertilizer (Rhizobium/ PSB) @50% of the cost limited to Rs.300 per ha**
- ICAR Research Programmes:
- One acre Integrated Organic Farming System (IOFS) models: **IOFS models suitable for marginal farmers have been established in Kerala, Meghalaya and Tamil Nadu which provides scope to generate more than 80 % of inputs required for organic farming within the farm, thus reducing the cost of production**
- All India Network Programme on Organic Farming (AI-NPOF): **Under this programme, management package involving reduced application of nutrients through manures with innovative practices are being evaluated at different locations which also includes use of bio fertilizers.**

Annexure - II

State-wise total number of Biofertilizer/ Biopesticides production units sanctioned under National Project of organic Farming through NABARD (Since inception of NPOF starting from October 2004 till August 2020 updates)

S.N.	State	Biofertilizer
		Unit in no.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	05
2.	Assam	05
3.	Delhi	-
4.	Goa	01
5.	Gujarat	07
6.	Haryana	01
7.	Himachal Pradesh	02
8.	Karnataka	06
9.	Kerala	03
10.	Madhya Pradesh	01
11.	Maharashtra	22
12.	Meghalaya	1
13.	Punjab	06
14.	Rajasthan	01
15.	Tamil Nadu	05
16.	Telangana	05
17.	Tripura	01
18.	Uttara khand	02
19.	Uttar Pradesh	03
20.	West Bengal	02
	Total	79

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1797
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.09.2020

INCENTIVES FOR ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURING

1797 SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of applications received by the Government under the Production Linked Incentives (PLI), Scheme for Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronic Components and Semiconductors (SPECS) and Modified Electronic Manufacturing Clusters (EMC) 2.0 schemes respectively along with the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has given any approval to any of these received applications and if so, the separate details thereof and the amount disbursed thereunder; Scheme-wise; and
- (c) the amount of investment expected to be brought in and employment expected to be generated because of these incentives in the electronics sector?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)

(a): Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI) for Large Scale Electronics Manufacturing, notified on 01.04.2020, was open to receive applications till 31.07.2020. Under the PLI Scheme, a total of 22 applications have been received till 31.07.2020. List of applicants is at **Annexure-1**.

Under Scheme for Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronic Components and Semiconductors (SPECS), 13 applications have been received so far. List of applicants is at **Annexure-2**.

Under Modified Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMC 2.0) Scheme, so far, one (01) application has been received from M/s. Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (HSIIDC), an undertaking of Government of Haryana.

(b): Under the aforesaid Schemes, approval has not been accorded to any application, so far.

(c): Under the PLI Scheme, cumulative investment of approximately INR 11,000 crore is projected over 5 years. The Scheme is expected to generate around 2,00,000 employment opportunities in the next 5 years.

Under the SPECS Scheme, new investments to the tune of INR 20,000 crore are expected over 8 years. The Scheme is expected to generate around 1,50,000 employment opportunities.

Annexure -1

Applications received under PLI Scheme

Sl. No.	Name of Applicant
1	Foxconn Hon Hai Technology India Mega Development Pvt. Ltd.
2	Samsung India Electronics Pvt. Ltd.
3	Pegatron Technology India Pvt. Ltd.
4	Rising Stars Mobile India Pvt. Ltd.
5	Wistron Infocomm Manufacturing (India) Pvt. Ltd.
6	LAVA International Ltd.
7	Bhagwati Products Ltd.
8	Padget Electronics Pvt. Ltd.
9	Optimus Electronics Ltd.
10	United Telelinks Neolyncs Pvt. Ltd.
11	SOJO Manufacturing Services (AP) Pvt. Ltd.
12	Dixon Technologies (India) Ltd.
13	AT & S India Pvt. Ltd.
14	Walsin Electronics India Pvt. Ltd.
15	Ascent Circuits Pvt. Ltd.
16	Neolync India Pvt. Ltd.
17	Sahasra Semiconductors Pvt. Ltd.
18	Visicon Power Electronics Pvt. Ltd.
19	SFO Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
20	Vitesco Technologies India Pvt. Ltd.
21	Advance System in Package Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
22	Avary Technology (India) Pvt. Ltd.

Annexure-2

Applications received under SPECS Scheme

Sl. No.	Name of Applicant
1	PROTECTRON ELECTROMECH PRIVATE LIMITED
2	PICL (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED
3	MIYAMA ELECTRIC INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
4	FOXLINK INDIA ELECTRIC PRIVATE LIMITED
5	IDEMIA SYSCOM INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
6	JABIL INDIA MANUFACTURING PRIVATE LIMITED

7	APPLIED MATERIALS INDIA PVT LTD (AMAT)
8	SALCOMP TECHNOLOGIES INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
9	SAMSUNG DISPLAY NOIDA PRIVATE LIMITED
10	STERLITE TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED
11	SAHASRA SEMICONDUCTORS PRIVATE LIMITED
12	SHIVALIK BIMETAL CONTROLS LTD.
13	HOLITECH INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1941
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2020

COVID-19 IMPACT ON CARGO TRAFFIC HANDLING

1941. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) the details of the cargo traffic handled at major ports in India;
- (b) whether the number has returned to pre-COVID-19 levels;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure the growth of traffic for individual segments like POLs, containers and coal in the near future; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR SHIPPING
(SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (c) COVID 19 impact at Major Ports started from March 2020. There was a considerable decline in the total traffic, containers traffic and other than containers traffic in March, April, May, June, July and August, 2020 as compared to the corresponding months in 2019. However, the recovery has started since July 2020. The details of traffic handled at Major ports for last 9 months are annexed.

(d) to (e) Infrastructure development and capacity expansion at Major Ports is a continuous process. Port Projects such as construction of berths, installation of state-of-the-art equipment, mechanisation of cargo handling system and dredging projects to accommodate large-size vessels, etc. help in increasing the capacity of Major ports and growth of traffic including POL, containers and coal. Major ports are operating at full strength and efficiency.

Annexure

Details of traffic handled at Major ports for last 9 months:

Period	Total Traffic during month		Containers Traffic			
	(In 000 Tonnes)	% Var. w.r.t. prev. year	Tonnage (000 Tonnes)	% Var. w.r.t. prev. year	TEUs (In 000)	% Var. w.r.t. prev. year
December'19	60556	5.59	12246	-1.23	833	-1.88
December'18	57352		12398		849	
January'20	61344	1.79	12913	3.84	860	2.14
January'19	60268		12435		842	
February'20	57233	4.58	11791	1.24	802	1.01
February'19	54729		11647		794	
March'20	61120	-5.25	12006	-10.46	790	-12.51
March'19	64510		13408		903	
April'20	47422	-21.08	8306	-33.79	542	-36.98
April'19	60086		12545		860	
May'20	45399	-23.25	8497	-34.08	563	-35.58
May'19	59151		12890		874	
June'20	49053	-14.64	9549	-22.19	640	-23.63
June'19	57466		12272		838	
July'20	51454	-13.23	11464	-13.02	751	-15.24
July'19	59300		13180		886	
Aug'20	51611	-10.23	11460	-8.79	762	-13.8
Aug'19	57494		12565		884	

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 2162
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.09.2020

PPP Model in Afforestation Programmes

2162.SHRIACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a latest version of National Forest Policy, if so, the time frame within which such a policy is likely to be introduced;
- (b) whether the Government is considering public-private partnerships for afforestation programmes in degraded forest areas, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the PPP model does not negatively impact the tribal community and forest dwellers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

- (a) to (c) The National Forest Policy, 1988 is the main policy document containing guiding principles for conservation, protection and management of forests in the country.

After wide consultations with all major stakeholders and incorporating their feedbacks, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has prepared a draft to update the existing National Forest Policy, 1988, and amongst other objectives, to give added focus on improving livelihoods of people based on sustainable management of forests for ecosystem services, increasing productivity of plantations, forest management for water and ecological security, addressing Climate Change issues, etc. The Government has not set any time limit to update the National Forest Policy, 1988.

The draft National Forest Policy provides for promotion of tree plantation in degraded areas which will help in reducing the dependency on import of timber and other forest products by the country. Afforestation/reforestation may be taken up through Multi Stakeholder Public Participation only in (i) areas outside forests, (ii) revenue land recorded as forests but not notified as Forest, (iii) scrub/degraded forest areas which are not wildlife habitats or of substantial ecological importance and (iv) areas managed by various local community organisations, after taking their explicit consent and also ensuring their participation. It will be ensured that no community rights of the communities are undermined and no provision of "the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006" and "the Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Area) Act, 1996", etc is infringed.

Appendix - II

Media Reports

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करते हुए चार-चार कोविड-19 अस्पताल खोले हैं। ताकि समाज के अंतिम पायदान पर खड़े व्यक्ति के लिए भी बेहतर स्वास्थ्य सुविधाएं मिल सकें। एक कोरोना योद्धा की तरह डॉ. सामंत के नेक प्रयासों की कहानी यहीं खत्म नहीं हो जाती, बल्कि ये तो महज ट्रेलर है। कोरोना के चलते जब देश-दुनिया में जिंदगी एकदम से ठप्प पड़ने लगी तो उस दौर से लेकर अब तक डॉ. सामंत की तरफ से कीस के तकरीबन 30 हजार आदिवासी बच्चों को उनके होमटाउन में न सिर्फ प्रत्येक महीने पाठ्य-पुस्तकें

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COVID-19: KIIT, KISS provide succour to needy

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JAMMU: Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Bhubaneswar and its sister institution Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), under the leadership of its Founder Prof. Achyuta Samanta, have taken a series of initiative right from the outbreak of the COVID-19 disease and have been at the forefront of Odisha's war against the coronavirus.

In one of the most significant measures in Odisha's war against COVID-19, Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), a constituent of KIIT Deemed to be University, set up four ultramodern dedicated COVID hospitals with the support of the Government of Odisha, located in Bhubaneswar and three tribal-dominated districts of Odisha. The hospitals have a combined bed capacity of 1200.

"KIMS Covid Hospital in Bhubaneswar, a 500-bedded state-of-the-art facility



KIIT and KISS members after distributing ration among children.

including 50 critical care beds, is India's first stand-alone Covid hospital. The quick turnaround time in setting up the Covid Hospitals has saved thousands of lives," Prof. Achyuta Samanta said.

The COVID-19 pandemic, he said, is not only a global health emergency, it has also caused a grave humanitarian crisis due to prolonged lockdowns and loss of livelihoods for millions.

In a mammoth community service response, KIIT & KISS reached out to various groups facing hardship due

to the extended lockdown, he said adding that the intervention included the distribution of food materials and other essentials to over 3 lakh pandemic-hit people, including the disadvantaged people living in various slums, stranded migrant labourers, who were also provided temporary shelter, and people living in containment zones.

Community outreach activities of KIIT & KISS strived to reach the hardest-hit and commonly overlooked people - transgenders, sportsper-

sons, physically challenged, sex workers, etc, he said and added that they were provided with allowances to cope with the prolonged lockdown.

Food materials and cash to meet other expenses for three months were given to priests and other workers of several spiritual centres in Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Puri and nearby towns, he added.

Support to orphans and children of the Covid-deceased has been possible due to its Founder, Prof. Achyuta Samanta's personal childhood experience of hunger and poverty that he had to suffer after he lost his father at the tender age of four. He has always been striving to ensure that no child is deprived of quality education because of untimely death of parents or poverty.



THE DO-GOODERS: The two institutions are providing groceries and cash for miscellaneous expenses to over 40 orphanages, old age homes and leprosy centres in Kandhamal district

Here's a look at a few humanitarian gestures of KIIT and KISS that stand out as they have helped ease the COVID burden

Taking up the COVID challenge with gusto

COVID-19 has disrupted and devastated the normal life and livelihood of people all over the world. Odisha too has been hit hard by the pandemic. Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Bhubaneswar and its sister institution Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), under the leadership of its Founder Prof Achyuta Samanta, have taken a series of initiatives right from the Corona outbreak.

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The student community is one of the worst affected groups of the pandemic. KISS is home to 30,000 tribal students from interior districts of Odisha pursuing their studies from Standard I to PG/PhD level. Days before the outbreak of the pandemic,

they were sent to their respective homes in various districts of Odisha. As the students are in their respective homes, KISS has been sending study materials, dresses and dry foods to their doorsteps every month since April. This will continue until the reopening of KISS.

KISS has taken a series of measures to keep its students safe and healthy as well as ensuring that they remain connected to their studies. Prof Samanta, who has always put the education of tribal students above everything else, arranged for textbooks, study materials and dry foods to be provided to the

students' doorsteps at the start of the new academic year. KISS was one of the first institutes to begin online classes.

In a unique humanitarian gesture, KIIT Deemed-to-be University has decided to provide free education to the children of the COVID deceased in Odisha. The facility will be available for two academic years: 2020-21 and 2021-22.

The first six months of the ongoing pandemic has made many children orphans. They are vulnerable to becoming victims of child abuse and human trafficking. KIIT and KISS have adopted and are taking care of about 100 such orphans and providing them monthly allowance ranging from ₹5,000 to ₹10,000, depending upon the family size. As and when the academic institutions reopen, they will be provided with free education, and subsequently complete higher education in KIIT and KISS.

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Comprehensive support for transformation during Covid-19 Pandemic

PROF. ACHYUTA SAMANTA

Founder - KIIT & KIIT Shubaneswar, Odisha India

Across the world, people are facing situations and scenarios they've never encountered before. The COVID-19 pandemic is forcing us to make sudden, drastic shifts to keep ourselves and our communities healthy and safe. But even in these uncertain times, there are signs of optimism. People from all corners of the globe are carrying out selfless acts in these times of distress.

We at Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology and Kalinga Institute of Social Science, Bhubaneswar, Odisha India are also doing our bit to map, measure and mitigate the sufferings caused due to the pandemic, especially for the disadvantaged and poor because we believe that it is that strata of society that suffers the most in case of any calamity, financial depression, epidemic or a pandemic. It is estimated that the pandemic could push 150 million into extreme poverty in India and the numbers are frightening. Several media reports have mirrored light on the rampant physical & sexual violence faced by India's 80 million lower-class women, who like their male counterparts fade at the bottom of India's unrelenting caste and communal hierarchy. These women face a 'triple load' of gender prejudice, caste discrimination and financial deprivation. With a pandemic which has now been upending lives for the last six months with no end in sight, the number of people at the margins who are suffering is increasing.

To help the vulnerable, KIIT and KISS has come forward to adopt around 100 orphan children and has vowed to help them out. It is important to mention here that most of the adopted children are girls. A complete assistance including short term and long term intervention is being provided to them. While the short term help includes a provision of Rs. 5000-10,000 each for sustenance, long term help includes free of cost education at KISS so that they can secure a decent job and livelihood. Instead of a one-time aid, a complete assistance programme such as ours can make a real impact in the lives of the vulnerable sections of society.

I feel I understand the helplessness, turmoil and crusading hardships of living in poverty and humiliation because I have faced similar circumstances. My bitter learning experiences make me empathies with the conditions of the unprivileged who can be helped by access to education and employment. Backed by such experience, I extend a helping hand to people in distress, especially the children by reaching out to them and helping them without any delay. I am enraged by the Hathras and Balrampur gang rape cases and condemn such brutal acts and feel satisfied that the girls we adopt will have a safe and a secure life because we understand how difficult it is for girls with limited or no resources to lead a life of dignity.

From the many instances of help to the needy, KISS

Foundation has come to the rescue of three hapless orphan siblings of Bhogibandha village in Ganjam District who lost their mother and father in August and September. On obtaining information regarding the plight of these tribal children from the media, we decided to provide Rs. 3000 per month to each of them to meet their expenses. We also assured complete education to these children at KISS when it reopens after the pandemic. In fact, KIIT and KISS are the only educational institutions in the world that



Prof Achyuta Samanta

have promised free professional education for the children of the deceased through COVID-19 and fifteen students have taken admission so far. This announcement is valid till the next year and we hope to provide hope to those children who have lost their loved ones.

Quality education has the power to ameliorate all sufferings from the life of a poor child and security of food and shelter ensures that the benefit of education is reaped. Our intervention is at the intersection of food security, safe living with dignity and access to quality education free of cost - much like our

timely help to Rahul Mahat. I can never see a talented and meritorious student opting to discontinue his/her education due to financial constraints. KISS Foundation has promised to aid the kid who secured 87 percent marks in +2 exams but took to selling 'Gupchup' to manage his family expense. He has been given admission in KIIT University.

At KIIT, Rahul will have access to the best quality education in Mechanical Engineering free of cost and will pursue a career of his choice. We also gave him a laptop for online classes and financial help of Rs.10,000 for his sustenance now and monthly financial assistance to Rahul's family for the years he will be studying at KIIT.

KIIT and KISS, without any hesitation and delay reach out to the unreached and help them emerge out of the sufferings. We believe in assessing the situation, identifying the needy and do everything in our capacity to bring a glimmer of hope in their lives. A complete 360 degree approach is far more efficient and effective than one time dole or charity that tramples their dignity. We help the vulnerable believe in their capacity to move ahead to prevent the next generation from suffering the way we did.

Such timely comprehensive support to the unreached and vulnerable addresses the Sustainable Development Goals of No Poverty (Goal 1), Zero Hunger (Goal 2) through access to Quality Inclusive Education (Goal 4) and ensures Health and wellbeing (Goal 3) & Gender Parity (Goal 5). It is pertinent to mention that it is an individual and organizational effort at empowerment for the last thirty years backed by passion and vision to see that no child is deprived of education because of poverty.

Throughout the world, we recognize the importance of food security, nutrition and well-being and all support from KIIT and KISS begins with addressing these basic human rights to food, education, shelter and livelihood. KISS has reached to thousands of disadvantaged people at the margins since its inception and also during the times of pandemic to lift them out of dire poverty by enabling them to fight hunger through education with a firm belief that education acts as a social vaccine against such inter-generational human rights challenges and violations.

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ଗୁରୁବାର ନୂଆଦିଲ୍ଲୀରେ କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ପର୍ଯ୍ୟଟନ ଓ ସଂସ୍କୃତି ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ପ୍ରହଲାଦ ସିଂହ ପଟ୍ଟେନାୟକ କନ୍ଧମାଳ ସାଂସଦ ଅରୁଣ ସାମନ୍ତ ରେଭିନ୍ଦ୍ରା ସହ ଓଡ଼ିଶୀ ସଙ୍ଗୀତକୁ ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ମାନ୍ୟତା ପ୍ରଦାନ ନେଇ ଏକ ଅନୁରୋଧ ପତ୍ର ଦେଇଥିଲେ। ଓଡ଼ିଶୀବାସୀ ଦୀର୍ଘ ଦିନରୁ ଓଡ଼ିଶୀ ସଙ୍ଗୀତକୁ ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ମାନ୍ୟତା ନେଇ ଦାବି କରି ଆସୁଛନ୍ତି। ଏ ନେଇ ପୂର୍ବରୁ ମୁଖ୍ୟମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ନବୀନ ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରକୁ ଚିଠି ଲେଖିଥିବା ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ଶ୍ରୀ ପଟ୍ଟେନାୟକ ପ୍ରକାଶ କରିଥିଲେ। ଖୁବ୍ ଶୀଘ୍ର ଏ ନେଇ ପଦକ୍ଷେପ ନିଆଯିବ ବୋଲି କେନ୍ଦ୍ରମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ସାଂସଦ ଶ୍ରୀ ସାମନ୍ତଙ୍କୁ କହିଥିଲେ। ସୂଚନାଯୋଗ୍ୟ, 'ଓଡ଼ିଶୀ ସଙ୍ଗୀତକୁ ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରୀୟ ମାନ୍ୟତା ଦାବି କୋରୁ ଧରିଲା'କୁ ଏକ ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗ ଭାବେ ଗ୍ରହଣ କରି 'ସମାଜ' ସବୁବର୍ଗର ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିଗଣଙ୍କ ମତାମତକୁ ନେଇ ଦୀର୍ଘ ସମୟରୁ ଅଧିକ ସମୟ ଧରି ଅଭିଯାନ ଜାରି ରଖିଛି।

ଏହି ଅନୁସରଣେ କନ୍ଧମାଳ ଓ ବୌଦ୍ଧ ଜିଲ୍ଲାରେ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟଟନ ବିଭାଗ ନେଇ ଶ୍ରୀ ସାମନ୍ତ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରମନ୍ତ୍ରୀଙ୍କ ସହ ଦୀର୍ଘ ସମୟ ଆଲୋଚନା କରିଥିଲେ। କନ୍ଧମାଳରେ

ପର୍ଯ୍ୟଟନ ବିଭାଗ ଜାରି ସମସ୍ତ ପ୍ରକାର ସାହାଯ୍ୟ ସହଯୋଗ ଯୋଗାଇ ଦିଆଯିବ ବୋଲି ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ଶ୍ରୀ ପଟ୍ଟେନାୟକ କହିଥିଲେ। ଆଲୋଚନାକାଳରେ ସାଂସଦ ଶ୍ରୀ ସାମନ୍ତ କନ୍ଧମାଳର ଦାରିଦ୍ର୍ୟବାଦୀଙ୍କୁ ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ବାଣ୍ଟାର କୁହାଯାଏ ବୋଲି ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀଙ୍କୁ କହିଥିଲେ। କନ୍ଧମାଳ ଓ ବୌଦ୍ଧ ଜିଲ୍ଲାରେ



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- କନ୍ଧମାଳର ପର୍ଯ୍ୟଟନ ବିଭାଗ ଜାରି ମିଳିବ ସହଯୋଗ

ଅନେକ ସୁନ୍ଦର ପର୍ଯ୍ୟଟନସ୍ଥଳ ରହିଥିବା ସେ ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀଙ୍କୁ ଜଣାଇଥିଲେ। ବୌଦ୍ଧ ଓ କନ୍ଧମାଳ ଜିଲ୍ଲାରେ ଏବେବରୁ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟଟନସ୍ଥଳ ଥିବା ଶୁଣି ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ଆଶ୍ଚର୍ଯ୍ୟ ପ୍ରକଟ କରିବା ସହ ଖୁସି ବ୍ୟକ୍ତ କରିଥିଲେ। ଓଡ଼ିଶୀ ଉପକୂଳ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟଟନ ବିଭାଗ ପ୍ରତି ଦୃଷ୍ଟି ଦିଆଯିବ ବୋଲି ମଧ୍ୟ ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ଶ୍ରୀ ପଟ୍ଟେନାୟକ ପ୍ରକାଶ କରିଥିଲେ। ଏହାବ୍ୟତୀତ କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ପର୍ଯ୍ୟଟନ ମନ୍ତ୍ରାଳୟ ପକ୍ଷରୁ ଡ଼ାଙ୍ଗା ଓ ହିନ୍ଦା ଭାଷାରେ ପ୍ରକାଶ ପାଇଥିବା ପର୍ଯ୍ୟଟନ ସୂଚନା ପୁସ୍ତିକାଗୁଡ଼ିକ ଅଞ୍ଚଳିକ ଭାଷାରେ ପ୍ରକାଶ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ପଦକ୍ଷେପ ନିଆଯାଇଛି। ଏଥିରେ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଭାଷାକୁ ଅନ୍ତର୍ଭୁକ୍ତ କରାଯିବ ବୋଲି ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ପ୍ରତିଶ୍ରୁତି ଦେଇଥିଲେ।

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Administrators are Covid-19 warriors too



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Our democracy gives the right to the people to choose the country's representatives. However, while political leaders represent the people's interest in Parliament or the State Legislative Assemblies, the real work in the field is carried out by civil servants and administrative secretaries.

The civil servants are the

ones who are responsible for execution of the policies of the Government. An efficient civil base forms the roots of progressive development and smooth governance. In times of crisis such as Covid-19, the civil servants and the administration form the core response team, who look for methods for a smooth functioning of the society while restricting the spread of the pandemic.

In the current pandemic, administrators are busily involved in taking big decisions and their appropriate and quick response to this can help save hundreds of thousands of lives. They are most efficient in mobilising different forces of the executive in order to best combat the pandemic. Their speculations, assumptions, trials and visionary leadership determine how their States will fare in terms of the

current situation.

To tackle the damages caused by Covid-19, the administrative staffs are working day in and out. The entire hierarchy of administration, starting from senior members to the new ones, is engrossed in the anti-Covid-19 battle nonstop. The sarpanches are also in this together. Numerous administrators have not visited their families since the beginning of the coronavirus outbreak. These administrative officers, however, are not in the news. They are not supposed to be. They are working behind the scenes to tackle the public health crisis. This is no ordinary work.

During natural disasters and calamities, all the levels of government put all their efforts. Usually, these calamities are short-lived or have a region-specific impact. But Covid-19 undoubtedly is the most devastating calamity in recent times

which is even throughout the world. A lot of credit is given to frontline warriors such as the police and the healthcare workers, which is necessary. But it is equally important to acknowledge the administrators making plans, executing them the best for the State and India and preparing for the worst with visionary leadership and their constant endeavour to instil confidence in people. Their sacrifices matter much. They too are Covid-19 warriors.

Administrators ensure there is an uninterrupted flow of the communication of the government to the people and that the people receive continuous, up-to-date and credible information from government sources. This helps prevent panic from spreading amongst the people and allay any fears that they might have in their minds. The administrators oversee the damage and repair of the economy, cater to the

people at the lowest economic level and execute nationwide plans making their contribution unique. The administrators, doing all they should, have proven to the people that they are with them. They have to keep calm, rational yet thoughtful as much as quick and reactive.

Earlier, the government administrative staffs were not acknowledged for their work or were dubiously tagged with red-tapism and lethargy. However today, under the guidance of Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik things have changed. People respect and recognise the work that administrators are doing. This is throughout all regions, and especially in Odisha. Exactly how it should be at this point in time.

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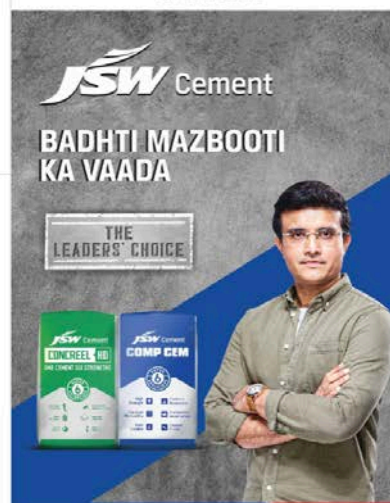

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