

Regarding setting up of a Defence Research Centre in Dharmapuri Parliamentary Constituency.-laid

DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S. (DHARMAPURI): I would like to draw the attention of the Government regarding the initiative taken by the DRDO for setting up Defence Research Centre in my Dharmapuri Parliamentary Constituency which was proposed during 2010 at Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu. The State Government and District Administration has, for the said purpose, identified the land at Nekkundhi village, Dharmapuri District. The DRDO officials had also inspected the said site. Nevertheless, the proposed project has not yet commenced. Dharmapuri being an industrially backward area, the role of this project as an employment generator and help in aiding the district to industrially rich area becomes important. As estimated, this DRDO research centre will generate employment for 15,000 people and will act as a push to 'Make in India' initiative. I would, therefore, urge upon the Hon. Minister of Defence to direct the DRDO to forthwith commence the work towards expediting the proposed project and commence the research centre for betterment of Dharmapuri District.