

**Regarding setting up of Defence Research Centre in Dharmapuri
Parliamentary Constituency ? laid**

DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S. (DHARMAPURI): I would like to draw the kind attention of the government regarding the initiative taken by DRDO for setting up Defence Research Centre in my Parliamentary Constituency which was proposed in the year 2010 at Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu. For the said purpose, the state government and district administration have 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 is an industrially backward area here. The role of this project as an employment generator becomes significant in aiding the district to become industrially rich area. 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'ble 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