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Title: Need to undertake mass production and deployment of the drone, RUSTOM, the Medium Altitude Long Endurance Unmanned Aerial Vehicle in the country.

SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR (NALANDA): In order to strengthen the internal and national security the deployment of 'RUSTOM', the Medium Altitude Long Endurance Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) being developed by the Aeronautical Development Establishment – a Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) lab may be considered by the Central Government at the earliest.

The drone RUSTOM can fly upto a height of 25,000 ft. and can have capacity of flying for 12 to 15 hours. With proper payload of multiple observation equipment, it can keep a hawk eye of 360 degrees on a very big area besides road, and take constant pictures of them.

It can help early detection of a major road accident, flash floods, jungle fires and droughts in nearby areas under its observation.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to take necessary steps for the large scale production of the drone 'RUSTOM' and its early deployment in the country.