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Title: Need for three Kendriya Vidyalayas in Santhal Pargana region of Jharkhand.

SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY (GODDA): Jharkhand's Santhal Pargana districts - Deoghar, Godda, Jamtara, Pakur, Sahibganj and Dumka count amongst the socially, educationally and economically backward districts of the country. A look at the statistics of health, literacy, education, income, etc, gives an appalling picture of the poor state of the people. We see an urgent need of comprehensive plan of action where special emphasis on good and equal opportunity of employment friendly education is needed to be given utmost importance.

Jharkhand is a rich state of poor people. It possesses 40% of India's mineral resources, but the access to resources has made little difference to the lives of ordinary people. Poverty and ignorance are still causes for low literacy rates, poor school attendance and large-scale drop outs.

I humbly request that there is an urgent need to set up three Kendriya Vidyalayas. An ideal location would be JARMUNDI (DUMKA), Deoghar and Mahagama (Godda) in the SANTHAL PARGANA region. The locations are ideally suited for the purpose.