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Title: Regarding development of strategic projects in Deoghar, Jharkhand.

SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY (GODDA): Deoghar has been included in the list of prominent cities and has been declared as a mega tourist destination from Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. Deoghar is the unique and extremely revered site of one of the 51 Shaktipeeths and also of Dwadash Jyotirlinga in the country. This is a religious and cultural capital of Eastern India which catapult the holy place to an International level and is visited by over 5 cr. pilgrims every year. Deoghar requires the following:-

1. Requirements of land for the proposed Military Station, the area available will be approximately 400 acres to 500 acres which can be reduced or increased once the feasibility is done. The land will be near the ongoing DRDO centre project at Deoghar (Jharkhand);
2. DRDO Lab is at Deoghar;
3. An international airport at Deoghar. The proposed airport at Deoghar has already seen a MoU being signed between Government of Jharkhand and the Airport Authority of India earlier in 2012 February, after the ground-breaking ceremony in October. Since then, the process of Land Acquisition has also picked up with as many as 800 acres being acquired;
4. Ordnance Factory or any defence infrastructure project at Deoghar;
5. Sainik School at Godda (Jharkhand) and
6. Defence recruitment centre at Deoghar.

Large parts of the state are affected by Naxalism and terrorist activities. The spread of Naxalism and terrorism is an indication of the sense of desperation and alienation that is sweeping over large parts of Jharkhand's Santhal Pargana region, which has been not only systematically marginalized but also cruelly exploited and dispossessed. Jharkhand Government is more than willing to help in this important strategic endeavor. I, therefore, request the Government to do the needful.