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Title: Need to set up an Ordnance Factory in Deoghar, Jharkhand.

SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY (GODDA): Deoghar has been included in the list of prominent cities and has been declared as mega tourist destination. 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 acclaim and is visited by over 5 crore pilgrims every year.

Large parts of the state are affected by Naxalism and terrorist activities which is an indication of the sense of desperation and alienation that is sweeping over large sections of Jharkhand's Santhal Pargana region, a backward area, which have been not only systematically marginalized but cruelly exploited and dispossessed. Therefore, this area needs developmental initiatives on priority basis. Godda (Jharkhand) is the area where a DRDO facility is being commissioned and Ordnance Factory at Deoghar (Jharkhand) is proposed.

Jharkhand Government is more than willing to help in this important strategic endeavour.