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Title: Regarding setting up of a Sainik School in Godda Parliamentary Constituency-Laid.

**DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY (GODDA):** I wish to draw the kind attention of the Government towards the backwardness of Santhal Pargana region in general and the area(s) of Godda and Deoghar, in particular which happens to be my Lok Sabha constituency. The overall condition of Education in this region is a subject matter of utter neglect inspite of the fact that since time immemorial, the entire region was considered to be a harbinger of ancient education practices and dissemination of social norms and mores. There has been a vociferous demand of establishing a Sainik School in Godda/Deoghar so that this area could also share the pride of having quality education to their children.

In February 2016, the then Honourable Defence Minister, visited my constituency and after acknowledging the backwardness of the region, he was kind enough to announce setting up of a Sainik School in Godda/Deoghar. Further, as a consequence to the said announcement, the Project for establishing a Sainik School was immediately sanctioned by the Ministry of Defence. However, it is a matter of concern that since then, more than five years have elapsed, but the entire Project has not witnessed any visible progress due to alleged sheer apathy of the State Government of Jharkhand.