

**Re: Setting up of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Santhal Pargana region.**

**DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY (GODDA):** The Jharkhand State is having two major regions, Santhal Pargana and Chhota Nagpur. No doubt, the spread of naxalism is an indication of the sense of desperation and alienation that is sweeping over large sections of Jharkhand's Santhal Pargana region, who have been not only systematically marginalized but also cruelly exploited and dispossessed in their own homeland. Keeping the socio-economic problem being faced by Santhal Pargana in mind where agriculture is the main source of income, 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.

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.

Jharkhand 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.

There is a need to set up three Kendriya Vidyalaya. An ideal location would be Jarmundi (Dumka), Deoghar and Mahagama (Godda) in the Santhal Pargana region.