

Regarding setting up of three kendriya vidyalayas at Jarmundi (Dumka), Deoghar and Mahagama (Godda) in the Santhal Pargana region of Jharkhand ? laid

**DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY (GODDA):** Jharkhand is having two major regions of 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 the large sections of the people in the 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 only is the main source of income, we see an urgent need for a comprehensive plan of action where special emphasis on good and equal opportunity of employment friendly education is given utmost importance. Santhal Pargana districts of Deoghar, Godda, Jamtara, Pakur, Sahibganj and Dumka count amongst socially, educationally and economically backward districts of the country. A look at the statistics of health, education, income, etc., gives an appalling picture of the poor state of the people. Jharkhand is a rich State. It possesses 40% of India's mineral resources, but the access to resources has made little difference to the lives of the ordinary people. Poverty and ignorance are still causes for low literacy rates, poor school attendance and large-scale drop-outs. I, therefore, seek attention of the Government towards the need to set up three Kendriya Vidyalayas. An ideal location would be JARMUNDI (DUMKA), DEOGHAR AND MAHAGAMA (GODDA) in the SANTHAL PARGANA region.