

Regarding setting up of a Defence Research Centre at Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu ? laid

DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S. (DHARMAPURI): I would like to draw the kind attention of the Government towards the initiative taken by DRDO for setting up Defence Research Centre in my Parliamentary Constituency which was proposed in the year 2010 at Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu. The State Government and District administration have identified the land for the said purpose at Nekkundhi village, Dharmapuri District. The DRDO officials had also inspected the said site. Nevertheless the proposed project has not yet commenced. Dharmapuri is an industrially backward area and hence the role of this project as an employment generator and in aiding the district to become industrially rich area gains significance. As estimated, this DRDO Research Centre will generate employment for 15,000 people and will act as a push for the Make in India initiative. I would, therefore, urge upon the Hon'ble Minister of Defence to direct the DRDO to forthwith commence the work towards expediting the proposed project and commence the research centre for betterment of Dharmapuri District.