

Regarding review of projects for development of religious sites in Deoghar - laid

DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY (GODDA): Deoghar is an important religious hub and is home to one of the twelve Jyotirlingas and a Shaktipeeth with upwards of fifty million people visiting the pious city annually. I urge to chalk out a comprehensive programme in which previously sanctioned projects shall be reviewed and new projects will be tabled for further development in the backward region. Q-Complex, which received a grant of Rs. twenty-five crore from the Government of India in the year 2012 is lying unfinished. The Ministry of tourism has included Deoghar city in the PRASAD Yojana. At the time of its inclusion, I had raised an issue concerning the narrow streets of the city leading to the temple to be widened. The Prime Minister in the year 2015 had announced a package for the development of religious sites in the region, especially the Sultanganj to Deoghar corridor for the betterment of the facilities in the Kanwar Yatra and the overall holistic development of religious sites in the area. The Deoghar, Santhal Pargana, and Jharkhand region is the hub of numerous religions, including Jainism and Hinduism. A comprehensive plan should be chalked out for the development of a circuit which connects the major religious hubs of the pious region. This circuit will impact India's reputation globally. Parasnath, Deoghar, Basukinath, Maluti, Tarapith, Vikramshila, Bateshwarsthan, Mandar, Champapuri, sultanganj, Karangari in Munger are all pivotal religious hubs with hundreds of millions of devotees flocking to these temples annually to pay their respects. The Food Craft Institute is an incomplete project in Deoghar. Thus, I request to complete the projects for the development of the backward region.