

Regarding establishment of bank branches in Nandurbar to promote financial inclusion-laid

DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT (NANDURBAR): I represent Nandurbar Lok Sabha Constituency which is an aspirational district with major tribal population due to which there is lack of access to financial services in the unbanked areas. Nandurbar is part of the Targeted Financial Inclusion Intervention Program and Mission Utkarsh program, which are aimed at achieving comprehensive financial inclusion in the region. One of the primary challenges in achieving financial inclusion is the absence of Brick and Mortar Bank/Branches in the unbanked areas of Nandurbar district. This absence not only hampers the fulfillment of credit needs for the local populace but also impedes the effective implementation of various projects and schemes initiated by both the State and Central Governments. Despite continuous efforts spanning nearly three years and numerous interactions across various platforms, the public and private sector banks have not sanctioned or established any branches in Nandurbar which has resulted in a detrimental impact on Bank-linked and Credit-linked programs designed to benefit the residents of Nandurbar district particularly in deep pocket tribal areas in the Satpuda hilly ranges. I request the Government to intervene and pass necessary orders to the Public and Private Sector Banks to expedite establishment of proposed Brick and Mortar bank branches in order to promote financial inclusion in Nandurbar.

