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Title : Regarding need to include Padampur sub-division in Orissa in the KBK Scheme and Bargarh district in the National Food for Work Programme.

SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA (SAMBALPUR): The Padampur sub-division in Bargarh Distt. Of Orissa is perennially a drought prone area without any irrigation facilities. This area also does not have a single industry. This is one of the most backward areas in the country according to many economic survey reports. The per capita income of the people of the area is also lowest in the whole of the country. Cases of alleged starvation death and migration of people to the other States in search of livelihood is a regular phenomenon of the area. Therefore, to improve the situation in the region there has been demand many quarters including the State Government of Orissa to include Padampur sub-division in KBK Scheme which was introduced by the Central Government for the overall development of the most backward undivided Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput districts of Orissa. Bargarh distt. Of which Padampur is a part has unfortunately been excluded from the National Food for Work Programme. Bargarh being one of the most backward districts deserves the merit of being included in the NFFWP. I would urge upon Govt. of India to concede to the request of Orissa Government to include Padampur sub-division in the KBK Scheme and Bargarh District as a whole in the National Food for Work Programme.