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Title : Need to include Khandmal district in Orissa under Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojna.

SHRI SUGRIB SINGH (PHULBANI): Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the backwardness of the tribal dominated District Khandmal which is my Parliamentary Constituency Phulbani. Even after the 59 years of independence Khandmal District has not been able to a part of main stream of the country because the maximum population of the district belongs to tribal community. Earlier the Union Government has not covered Khandmal under the K.B.K. Yojana due to which development of tribal people suffers a lot. To bridge this gap the Central Government has allocated central assistance to the district but I think by such assistance the problem of the district will not be solved.

Sir, when we are going for all round advancement and modernization we should not forget the Tribal population of our country. We have to bring them in the main stream of the nation and for that Khandmal District should be a part of Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana.

Sir, I, therefore, urge upon the Government to kindly include Khandmal District under Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana so that the opportunities of modernization and the backwardness of the area can be removed.