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Title : Need to set up an industry in unused land of Badmal Ordnance Factory at Bolangir, Orissa with a view to give employment to all the land oustees.

SHRI KALIKESH NARAYAN SINGH DEO (BOLANGIR): The Badmal Ordnance Factory set up at Bolangir in Orissa has caused the displacement of 1764 inhabitants. Of these, 1030 displaced persons were given A card status, and have been successfully given employment. The remaining 634 persons – who are B card holders, are still awaiting employment. Over the period of time, the factory has been producing material with average annual turnover of Rs 300 crore, which is far below of its targeted annual turnover of Rs. 1000 Crore. Therefore, the factory is unable to absorb the rest of the displaced inhabitants. Of the 13000 acres of land acquired by the Defence Ministry for Badmal Ordnance Factory about 9200 acres only has been utilized. The remaining 3800 acres of land has been lying vacant since the establishment of factory. The said piece of land enjoys an abundant supply of water and electricity, and is conducive for the setting up of an industry. The new industry will help in the absorption of the remaining 634 B card holders, while creating more avenues and scope for development for the people of the severely backward KBK area.

I urge upon the Ministry to take immediate action in this regard.