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Title: Need to release funds for Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh under Special Development Plan for the naxal affected districts.

DR. KRUPARANI KILLI (SRIKAKULAM):

Srikakulam district is one of the most backward districts in Andhra Pradesh as well as in the country. Because of the backwardness of the district, it had, way back in 1968, fallen prey to the naxal movement, which had just started in 'Naxalbari' in West Bengal. The continued backwardness of Srikakulam district has given a safe haven to the naxal movement and from this district only, naxalism spread over the remaining districts of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa. This district shares borders with Malkangiri, Koraput and Rayagada of Orissa which are the worst naxal-affected areas. While these three districts of Orissa have already been included in the Special Development Plan (SDP), Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh has not been included in the list. Though Khammam and Visakhapatnam are identified as Naxal-affected, only Khammam, has been getting the SDP funds. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has represented to the Union Home Ministry to include Srikakulam district in the Naxal-affected areas. Unless funds are given for the development of this district, the backwardness cannot be removed and unless backwardness is removed the naxalism from this district cannot be eliminated.

I, therefore, request the Government of India to declare Srikakulam District as naxal affected district and to release the SDP funds for the overall development of the District.