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Title: Need to set up an airport at Deoghar, Jharkhand.

SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY (GODDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Deoghar has been included in the list of prominent cities and has been declared as mega tourist destination by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. Deoghar is a unique and extremely revered site of one of the 51 Shaktipeeths and also of Dwadash Jyotirlinga in the country. This is a religious and cultural capital of Eastern India which catapults the holy place to an International acclaim and is visited by over 5 crore pilgrims every year. Besides this, Deoghar is also a major Coal hub and is connected to mega power projects of Government as well as Private players.

The MoU between Government of Jharkhand and Airports Authority of India has already been signed in February and the process of land acquisition is underway by Jharkhand authorities for setting up of airport at the holy city of Deoghar. In the outcome budget also, the allotment of funds has been made for the previous two outcome budgets and both the Government of Jharkhand as well as Government of India are contributing economically for the project.

It is prayed that airport at the holy city of Deoghar is set up on priority basis.