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Title: Need to provide banking services along with telecom connectivity in Left Wing extremism affected districts of Odisha to make Jan Dhan Yojana successful.

DR. KULMANI SAMAL (JAGATSINGHPUR): Madam Speaker, the Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana envisages opening up of bank accounts for all the families within a period of one year. Unfortunately, the left wing extremism affected Districts in Odisha have been excluded from this scheme in the first phase. As there is no proper banking service and telecom connectivity in these tribal areas, especially left wing extremism affected Districts of Odisha, the goodwill of Jan-Dhan Yojana may not be achieved.

In this regard I urge upon the Government to take special measures to open bank branches in the backward and left wing extremism affected areas of Odisha and also to provide telecom connectivity there in order to make the Jan-Dhan Yojana successful and also to bring the tribal people of these areas to the mainstream society. Thank you.