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Title: Need to set up an AIIMS-like Institute at Deoghar, Jharkhand.

SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY (GODDA): Deoghar is one of the Central points of Santhal Pargana region. The entire Santhal Pargana region is backward and deprived. This area does not have any medical facilities at all and needless to say that the reduction on public health spending and the growing inequalities in health and health care are taking their toll on the marginalized and socially disadvantaged population of Santhal Pargana. This area is prone to malnutrition, with an estimated 75 per cent of children and mothers being anemic.

Setting up of an AIIMS-like Institute at Deoghar is mainly on account of its geographical central location and ease of commuting for patients from Dumka-Godda and entire Santhal Pargana region. Deoghar is on the Kolkata-Patna main rail route and also connected with three National Highways. Further, Deoghar is a District in the State, and home to the famous *Dwadash Jyotirling* and *Shaktipith*, where 5 crore pilgrims visit every year as well as the site for an upcoming airport. There is also more than 200 acres of land available at this place. So, Deputy-Speaker, Sir, through you, I would request that this request of mine may be considered by the Central Government.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Shri Om Birla -- not present.

Shri Rattan Lal Kataria