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Title:Need to frame some guidelines for selection of locations for mega projects announced by the Central Government to be implemented in the State Governments.

SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE (NASHIK): Sir, I want to draw your attention towards the mega projects announced by the Central Government to be implemented in the State Governments.

The mega projects such as the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, National Institute of Pharmaceutical Research Centre and other projects have been announced by the Central Government for various State Governments. The Central Government has given authority to the State Governments to recommend the locations of such projects. For such Central projects, generally the State Ministers recommend the project location in their own constituency. Sometimes, recommendation of a particular location has no basis. For example, the Fishery Academy has no coastal base and the Forest Academy has no forest base. The Union Government spends thousands of crores of rupees to see that the project becomes justifiable and benefits a large number of people but in some cases, it does not happen.

So, I request the Union Government that while announcing the mega projects for the State Governments, there should be some guidelines for selection of locations such as the guidelines drawn for selection of smart cities. The project location should be selected on merit basis and not only on a simple recommendation. Only then the project will be justified and maximum number of people would be benefited. Such a practice would also help for a balanced development of the States and the country as a whole.

HON. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Dr. Kirit P. Solanki is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Hemant Tukaram Godse.