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Title: Need to set up a Divisional office of Life Insurance Corporation at Deoghar in Jharkhand

SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY (GODDA): The city of Deoghar (Jharkhand) is a prominent tourist destination — home to the extremely revered site of one of the 51 Shaktipeeths and the Dwadashjyotirlinga. This is a religious and cultural capital of Eastern India - visited by over 50 million pilgrims every year.

Over the past three years, a significant amount of infrastructure has developed here and most importantly, the city is now in the process of becoming a major transport hub — with an international airport, railway line etc. in the pipeline.

The State Bank of India has already set up a Zonal Office at Deoghar and this should give a boost to further infrastructure development in the area.

For an institution like LIC, the location would be very ideal. The area is one of the highest revenue generators in the region — around Rs 35 crore per annum, besides accounting for significant income from tourism and ancillary activities.

It is thus proposed that the LIC Divisional Office be located at Deoghar in the Santhal Pargana region of Jharkhand and an early decision be taken in this regard.