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Title: Need to address problem of drinking water in Santhal Pargana region of Jharkhand - laid.

SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY (GODDA): I am writing this with reference to an utterly shocking revelation with respect of Drinking Water schemes provisions in Deoghar, Godda and Dumka districts in the State of Jharkhand.

I represent the Santhal Parganas region of Jharkhand, which is an extremely backward and Naxalism affected region of this country, and among all the problems that the tribals and backward people of the region face, the lack of proper drinking water is a huge issue. There is very little infrastructure for potable water and the constant lack of proper programs and implementation has meant that this problem has only deepened. It is not only an issue of 15 million populations of the six districts of the Santhal Parganas — but also the 50 million pilgrims that visit the extremely revered Dwadash Jyotirling and Shaktipeeth at Deoghar every year. It is these 65 million people who face huge problem of drinking water in the region.

Thus, I request the Government to undertake an urgent review of this issue. As part of this exercise, you may also seek details from the Jharkhand State Government of the Rs 14,000 crore GANGA GRID in the Santhal Parganas region, which involves sourcing Ganga Water from Sahebganj and supplying it to the region, an exercise that ends this problem in the region.

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