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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1539**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05<sup>th</sup> August, 2024

**DRDO FACILITY IN JUNPUT, PURBA MEDINIPUR**

1539 SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) provide update on the progress of the DRDO test centre project in Junput, West Bengal, including the current status of land acquisition and construction activities;
- (b) measures being implemented to mitigate the impact of testing activities on the local communities in Junput, especially the fishermen and farmers, and manner in which the Ministry will ensure that their livelihoods are preserved; and
- (c) the expected timelines for the completion and operationalization of the Junput test Centre, and manner in which this new facility will enhance India's overall defence testing capabilities?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SANJAY SETH)

- (a): Land acquisition for DRDO test Centre in Junput, West Bengal has been completed after obtaining all necessary clearances. The construction of hard standing and roads have been completed.
- (b): Before the testing activities, the population upto 1 km radius, is evacuated to ensure the safety of local communities. The due compensation and safe shelter is provided to the local communities.
- (c): Due to local unrest, the work has been temporarily stopped. The site is useful in testing of missiles of very high importance.

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