

Speech of His Excellency Shri K. Sankaranarayanan , the Governor of Jharkhand on the occasion of the Inauguration of the Newly Constructed building of Ramgarh Sub Divisional office , Ramgarh on August 27, 2009.

Union Minister Shri Subodh Kant Sahay, Advisor Shri T. P. Sinha, DGP, Shri C.P. Choudhary, MLA, Divisional Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Superintendent of Police, Other Officials, Media Representatives, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I am happy to inaugurate this building of Ramgarh Sub-division. Ramgarh is not only a major coal bearing district of the State but it also has a rich history. The Headquarters of Ramgarh Raj shifted to Ramgarh in 1670. In 1940 the conference of Indian National Congress took place at Ramgarh under the chairmanship of the inspirational Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad. Ramgarh Cantonment was established in 1941.

The creation of Ramgarh district and sub-division had been done with a view to ensure greater and easy accessibility of government offices to the people, especially the poor and the down trodden. Earlier people had to travel all the way to erstwhile Hazaribagh district for their needs thereby spending time and money. Moreover, smaller administrative units also provide for better accountability and greater sensitivity in administration.

These days, as you all are aware, we are passing through a severe drought situation in our State. My government has

initiated several measures such as distribution to free ration to BPL and Antyodaya families, free ration to Primitive tribes, supplementary nutrition at ICDS centres and gratuitous relief to those in dire need. We have also strengthened and reoriented the PDS system to ensure that benefits reach every household. Sugar distribution through PDS has started for the first time since creation of Jharkhand. Over 12000 new Public Distribution System shops are being opened through women self help groups. Over 300 Suvidha stores have been opened to keep check on prices.

Further special emphasis has been given to NREGA. We are ensuring that every village has NREGA scheme going and whoever demands work is provided work near his place of stay. NREGA week and ICDS week are being celebrated to generate awareness and undertake additional work. Extra efforts are being made to ensure proper functioning of ICDS and mid-day meal programme. Over 6000 additional ICDS centres are being opened. Backlog of old age pensioner has been cleared.

In order to work in an efficient and transparent manner the support of people is of paramount importance. I seek the support and cooperation of people and government staff to deliver good governance in the state.

With these words I inaugurate the Sub-division building and dedicate it to the people of Ramgarh.

Thank you,