

Speech of His Excellency Shri K. Sankaranarayanan , the Governor of Jharkhand on the occasion of the foundation stone laying ceremony of Ramgarh District Collectorate Building,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 participate in the foundation stone laying ceremony of Ramgarh Collectorate Building. 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.

Ramgarh came into existence two years ago as an independent district. Prior to that people had to travel to Hazaribagh to meet district level officials. The purpose of forming Ramgarh district was to take administration nearer to the people and to make it responsive to the needs and aspirations of people.

Collectorate is the symbol of State Authority at District level. An integrated Collectorate Building can act as the clearing house of all the needs of people from government offices. I expect the District Administration to complete this project as early as

possible so that people start deriving benefits of a fully functional
Collectorate.

My government has within a short time initiated a slew of pro-poor initiatives for ensuring food security and livelihood security to the masses. Public Distribution System (PDS) food grains are being reached to the door steps of all PDS shops. Over 12000 new PDS shops are being opened through Women's self help groups. Sugar is being made available through PDS for the first time in the State. Over 300 Suvidha stores have been opened across the State to provide essential commodities at reasonable rates. NREGA schemes are being taken up in all villages so that each and every person looking for employment is provided with work. All backlog of old age pension and stipend to students has been cleared. Over 6000 ICDS centres are also being opened.

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.

Thank you,