



It's Manmohan Vs Naveen in KBK

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The politics over the tribal KBK is hotting up!

After whirlwind tour of Naveen Patnaik to the KBK region last week, the Congress has planned to put Prime Minister Manmohan Singh against the Orissa Chief Minister.



The Prime Minister is on his way for a two-day tour to Orissa on August 28.

The PM would spend a full day in KBK region, obviously to upset Naveen's apple cart.

The PM's Orissa tour was finalized after some hours after Naveen making anti-Centre statements at a party meeting here on August 23.

Earlier on the day, Naveen had told his party men that the Centre's anti-Orissa stand would be main plank in the ensuing three-tire panchayati raj elections in the state.

Naveen mentioned the issues like shifting of National Institute of Science(NIS) from Bhubaneswar to Kolkata and KBK as the weapons against the UPA government and also the Congress.

He urged the party men to take the messages to villages and apprise the people that the Congress led UPA Government are against the people of Orissa.

Interestingly, the PM's programme includes foundation stone laying for the NIS in Bhubaneswar.

"In this way the UPA Government would prove that Naveen has been misleading the people on several issues," said a senior Congress leaders adding that when the PM himself will lay the foundation stone, how the Centre can betray hopes of Orissa people.

This apart, the PM during his tour to KBK will also prove that Naveen is also wrong so far as the Revised Long Term Action Plan (RLTAP) for the KBK region is concerned.

Naveen has been taking a lot of political mileage by announcing the Biju KBK Plan for the tribal districts.

The Orissa CM has also announced that the State Government had no alternative than announcing the Rs 600 crore new package for the KBK as the UPA Government has "Betrayed" the people of KBK region.

During his tour, the PM is expected to announce some thing "Big" for the KBK region in order to ensure that Naveen fails to take political mileage from the issue, said a senior political observer.

Besides, the Congress leaders also hope that to counter Naveen's much-hyped Gopabandhu Gramin Yojana for 11 coastal districts, the PM may announce lucrative package for the flood affected people in this region, expects Congress leaders.

The PM's tour is expected to generate much heat in coming days, so far politics is concerned.

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