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Title: Regarding setting up of a Central University in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA (ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS): The Prime Minister during his visit in 2018 had announced the setting up of a Deemed University named after Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The absence of a full-fledged University in Andaman & Nicobar Islands is depriving the local students belonging to poor or marginalized sections of the society since they have limited opportunities and have to travel to mainland for higher education purposes which is a costly affair. In order to realize the true potential of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, there is an imminent need to establish a Central University in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. I request the Government to kindly take necessary steps in establishing a Central University instead of a Deemed University in Andaman & Nicobar Islands to revolutionize Higher Education and provide a level playing field to students so that they can avail of better educational opportunities. Such a step will also facilitate development of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and generate employment.