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Title: Regarding Setting up of Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research in Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu

SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR (TIRUCHIRAPPALLI):

Thank you very much, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to raise a very important issue connected with Tamil Nadu, which is pending for so many years. The Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research, IISERs are a group of premier public research institutions in India. These Institutes were established to provide collegiate education in basic sciences coupled with research at the undergraduate level. Seven IISERs have been established across the country in the States of West Bengal, Maharashtra, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, and Odisha. All IISERs were declared as Institutes of National Importance in order to promote them as leading institutions in the country.

However, no such institute is set up in Tamil Nadu and there has been a long pending demand to set up an IISER in my constituency, Tiruchirappalli. Tiruchirappalli is an important educational and tourism hub in Tamil Nadu and it lacks such an institution. I shall, therefore, humbly urge upon the hon. Minister of Education to take necessary steps to set up an IISER in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu at the earliest.