

**Seventeenth Loksabha**

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**Title: Need to upgrade Vikram Deb College to an affiliating University and setting up of Kendriya Vidyalaya in Jeypore.****SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA (KORAPUT):** Thank you, Chairman, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to raise an important issue during 'zero hour'.

Sir, I would like to highlight a particular college, Vikram Deb College, Jeypore, which is one of the largest cities in Southern Odisha, catering to the education need of undivided Koraput District of Malkangiri, Nabarangpur, Koraput and Raigarh. This College was established in July, 1947 under the King of Jeypore, Rajashri Vikram Deo Verma ji and it was upgraded to Autonomous College in the year 2005. Around 4000 students are studying in this particular college, having 19 Under-Graduate Honours and 16 Post-Graduate courses. It is affiliated to the Berhampur University. Since being the oldest education hub of South Odisha and given that we are primarily tribal-dominated districts, I would request the Government that they upgrade the Vikram Deb College to an affiliating university. The College has adequate infrastructure. The teachers, the students, and the people are very much willing to do it. It is the demand of the people of undivided Koraput. It will be a fitting tribute to the late Maharaja the Vikram Deo Verma for his dedicated service to the poor. Sir, I humbly request you that Vikram Deo College should be upgraded in an affiliating university.

At the same time, as far as the Kendriya Vidyalaya in Jeypore is concerned, everything has been completed. We are just waiting for a nod from the Ministry to start this Kendriya Vidyalaya, Jeypore. The temporary institution has also been set up. So, I would request also that the Kendriya Vidyalaya in Jeypore be established at the earliest. Thank you.