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Regarding establishment of a Central University in Maharashtra.

DR. SUJAY VIKHE PATIL (AHMEDNAGAR): The enactment of the Central Universities Act, 2009 was done with the aim to establish and incorporate universities for teaching and research in various States. Currently, there are 16 Universities under this Act for different States but there is no university for the State of Maharashtra. Maharashtra is the land of social reformers like Mahatma Phule and Savitri Bai Phule and as a State it contributes more than 15% to the country's GDP. The State of Maharashtra being one of the most developed States of India and also an educational hub has been devoid of a Central University. I request the Government to establish a Central University of Maharashtra for encouraging multidisciplinary learning by promoting creative and critical thinking for holistic development. This shall be in the right direction in achieving that goal in order to provide better opportunities of learning and research in higher education through a full-fledged university which will not only provide education but also aid in creating human capital. It will foster excellence in teaching, research and innovation in pure and applied areas of learning and generate direct and indirect employment.