

Regarding construction of IGNOU Regional Centre at Vadakara in Kerala-laid

SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN (VADAKARA): I would like to raise the matter regarding the construction work of building for the Regional Centre of Indira Gandhi National Open University, which was to be started in Vadakara in Kerala. The IGNOU centre at Vadakara is operating in virtual mode where the admission, counselling and study materials are provided online and with the aim of expanding the reach of education to the people in the remote corners of Malabar region. Earlier courses were offered to those who were already employed, but now those searching for jobs have been included. Five districts of Kerala namely Kozhikode, Malappuram, Wayanad, Kannur, Kasargode and Union territory of Mahe comes under the regional center of Vadakara . At present the IGNOU Center is functioning in a rented building at Puthur in Vadakara. Maniyur Panchayat has already allotted 2 acres of land for the construction of building, the land is registered in the name of IGNOU and the construction of compound wall has been completed in the allotted land. Hence, I request the Hon?ble Minister of Education to give appropriate directions to the IGNOU for the construction of building for IGNOU Regional Office at Vadakara, Kozhikode at the earliest.