

**Regarding [request to establish Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in Tamil Nadu](#) to ensure quality of education in light of Supreme Court observation**

**SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK):** Chairperson Madam, two days back, when I was placing a Report in this House, my name was mispronounced. I was called as Badruddin. I do not know when my name has been changed, but I believe you have called me in the right perspective. I request you the name should be corrected which was done two days ago.

I would like to draw the attention of this House regarding Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya. I was mentioning about Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, which have proven to be centers of excellence across the country with consistently outstanding academic results of 98-99 pass percentage in class 10 and about 97-98 pass percentage in class 12. In 2017 alone, over 11,800 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya students qualified for NEET, demonstrating their role in nurturing talent from rural and under-privileged background.

Every other State in India have embraced these institutions since 1989. Yet, Tamil Nadu remains the sole exception depriving its children of equal opportunity. Recently, the Supreme Court of India has come out with an oral observation and has urged both, the Union Government and the State Government of Tamil Nadu to hold consultations and arrive at a resolution on this matter. Tamil Nadu does not have any Navodaya Vidyalaya today. Since 1989, not a single Navodaya Vidyalaya has been constructed in Tamil Nadu, thereby depriving the depressed section of the society and the under privileged students of that State. Therefore, I urge upon the Government to negotiate and come to a conclusion. Despite the Madras High Courts decision, litigation went on and now it has come to the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court has given this direction. Therefore, I urge upon the Union Government to take immediate steps in consultation with the State of Tamil Nadu to establish JNVs without further delay, ensuring justice, equity and quality education for all.

Thank you, Madam.