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Title: Need to set up a Centrally funded Engineering College at Phulbani in Orissa. – Laid.

SHRI SUGRIB SINGH (PHULBANI) : The Phulbani Constituency which I represent has not been developed at par with other districts in the country. It is lagging behind other parts of Orissa in the field of education. No significant development has taken place in Technical Education. The educational institutions in that district come under Berhampur University in the State of Orissa. There is not even a single Government Engineering College in Berhampur University. Phulbani is centrally located place of Berahmpur University. If an Engineering College is set up there it will cater to the need of technical education of all the districts of Southern Orissa. The students of other parts of Orissa who fail to get seats in Utkal and Sambalpur University will also be able to take admission in the proposed Government-managed Phulbani Engineering College. The State is financially not sound to bear the cost of an Engineering College.

As such, I demand that keeping in view the urgent need to promote engineering education in a traditionally tribal populated backward part of the country, an Engineering College be set up with 100 per cent Central funding at Phulbani during the 2005-06 academic session.