

Title: Need to set up a world class university at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

DR. BOTCHA JHANSI LAKSHMI (VIZIANAGARAM): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to raise an important matter of public importance regarding set up of world class university at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh.

Visakhapatnam is deprived of establishment of advanced educational institutions. In the past, people of Visakhapatnam were promised to upgrade the existing University College of Engineering to an IIT along with Osmania University, College of Engineering, Hyderabad. However, due to six-point formula and due to political situation, the proposal was pushed back.

Another promise was made to the people of Visakhapatnam to establish an IIM as there is no IIM in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Again this proposal was also pushed back. Later a proposal came up to establish an Indian Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology at Visakhapatnam along with BHU Institute of Technology, Aligarh Muslim University and Bengal Engineering Sciences University.

The hon. Prime Minister was kind enough to make a promise at the Indian Science Congress held at Visakhapatnam in 2008 to establish a world class university during the Eleventh Plan period at Visakhapatnam along with thirteen other places, Coimbatore, Pune, Kolkata, Mysore, Gandhinagar, Jaipur, Patna, Bhopal, Kochi, Amritsar, Bhubaneswar, Noida and Guwahati.

I understand that the Government of Andhra Pradesh, in the past, already made an allocation of thousand acres of land for this purpose. All other cities have excellent advanced educational institutions except Visakhapatnam.

I urge upon the Government, through this House, to initiate necessary steps to establish a world class university at Visakhapatnam immediately and bring Visakhapatnam on the map of advanced educational institutions.