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Title: Need to open a model school at Konachata village in Cooch Behar, West Bengal.

SHRI NRIPENDRA NATH ROY (COOCH BEHAR): Sir, I want to draw your kind attention to the fact that in the year 2009, the Government of India announced to open model schools in the interior blocks all over India. There are eight blocks in my constituency, Cooch Behar, West Bengal. Out of this, Sitai Block is the most socio-economically backward block, and the percentage of literacy is also very low there. Most of the people of this block either belong to the Scheduled Caste or Muslim community, that is, 63 per cent and 27 per cent respectively.

A proposal to set up a model school at Konachatra Village under Adabari Gram Panchayat in Sitai Block was sent to the Central Government with all supporting documents to develop the overall scenario of education in this area. Four acres of land, which is needed to set up this model school was also being investigated by the Education Department of the Government of West Bengal, but even after the passage of such a long time there is no progress in the setting up of this model school.

So, I would request the hon. Minister of Human Resource Development to expedite this matter so that the model school can be set up at Konachatra Village under Adabari Gram Panchayat in Sitai Block, Cooch Behar, West Bengal at the earliest.