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Title: Need to set up an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Kerala.

SHRI K. P. DHANAPALAN (CHALAKUDY): I wish to raise an important matter in this august House pertaining to the State of Kerala. Kerala is a State with an abundant number of highly educated students passing out each year from the different educational institutions of Kerala. Even though, in Kerala, there are different centres of professional education, the students with challenging abilities are badly affected by the absence of an Indian Institute of Technology in Kerala. Getting into an Indian Institute of Technology is the dream of every engineer in India. Even though, there are 16 IITs in India, at present, the students from Kerala, who qualify IIT-JEE Examination, have to go to IITs of Delhi, Mumbai, Kanpur, Chennai or somewhere else, which are very distant from Kerala and make much difficulty to students from ordinary families. It is a known fact that IITs are the best institutes for studying Science and Technology. Even though the Government of Kerala have made a number of requests on different occasions with the Government of India and offered all basic facilities for sanctioning an Indian Institute of Technology in Kerala, the same has not been fulfilled so far. It is also pointed out that the Government have given assurance to the delegation from Kerala regarding the establishment of an IIT in Kerala recently.

Hence, considering the technological and scientific aspirations of Kerala, the Government may take urgent steps for the establishment of an Indian Institute of Technology in Kerala.