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Title: Need to set up a Kendriya Vidyalaya at Pudukkottai in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P. KUMAR (TIRUCHIRAPPALLI): Mr. Chairman, Sir, Pudukkottai, an assembly segment of my parliamentary constituency in Tamil Nadu is one of the largest cities in the State. The city is having a large number of colleges which provide a great platform for quality education in the fields of engineering, arts, social science, commerce and journalism. Moreover, a large number of Central Government offices and Public Sector Undertakings are located in Pudukkottai district and a number of families of Defence personnel are also settled there.

The Government of India has started Kendriya Vidyalayas with the objective of providing educational facilities of a unique standard throughout the country to the children of Central Government employees whose jobs are transferable. However, Pudukkottai is not having any Kendriya Vidyalaya. There is an urgent need to set up one such Kendriya Vidyalaya in Pudukkottai to fulfil the long-pending demand of the people of this district.

I, therefore, urge upon the Union Government to set up a Kendriya Vidyalaya in Pudukkottai district of Tamil Nadu at the earliest.