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Title: Need to set up an Institute of Information Technology and Management at Nagpur, Maharashtra.

SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR (NAGPUR): I raise a very important matter regarding the establishment of an Institute of Information Technology and Management in Nagpur. The issue relating to the setting up of new Institutes of Information Technology and Management was considered by the Task Force which recommended for the establishment of such institutes in the Capital Cities of each State.

Nagpur, a major city also once enjoyed the status of Capital of the erstwhile State of Central Province and Berar and Madhya Pradesh but consequent on its merger with Maharashtra, it became the Second Capital of the State. Therefore, the people of Nagpur have a rightful claim to have the said Institute.

The population of Nagpur is now over 32 lakhs and the Vidarbha region is having nearly 3 crores. In view of the advancement of the Vidarbha region in the field of industry, commerce, education, health and with the coming up of the Multi Modal International Passenger and Cargo Hub (MIHAN project) and Special Economic Zone, the demand for such an institute has increased. Many public sector units such as WCL, MECL, MOIL, CICR and the presence of training institutes of international/national repute as National Academy of Direct Taxes, National Academy of Defence Production have their offices in Nagpur. There are many Universities, National Institutes as well as Private/Government engineering colleges in this city. Having these facilities the students coming out of these institutions have to look for admission in Information Technology & Management Institutes in other States. Therefore, with a view to create the required facilities for the students in Information Technology & Management, there is the absolute need for establishment of such an institute in Nagpur. There is the need to decentralize the establishment of such institutes instead of concentrating them at the Capital cities of States.

In view of the above, I would urge upon the Government to set up an Institute of Information Technology & Management in Nagpur for the benefit of the people of the entire Vidarbha.