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Title: Need to declare Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Bio Technology in Trivandrum as institute of national importance.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): I thank you, Chairman, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to raise a matter of urgent public importance.

Sir, the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Bio Technology in Trivandrum is one of the prestigious Institutions in the country. The Institution successfully research different kind of diseases of human being, animals and plants. They have also researched for 'Swine Flu' disease and submitted their observations to the country.

The Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Bio Technology has requested the Central Government and the Ministry of Science and Technology to declare it as an Institution of national importance. The Government of Kerala has also requested the Central Government to enact legislation for declaring this Institution as of national importance. The Government of Kerala has also offered land for the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Bio Technology but the Ministry of Science and Technology has not taken any decision on it so far.

Sir, more than 17 hon. Members of Parliament have signed a Memorandum and submitted it to the hon. Prime Minister. The Prime Minister's Office has also given instructions to the Ministry of Science and Technology but some officials are acting against the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Bio Technology. That is why this Bill has not come to the Parliament.

Therefore, I urge upon the Government and the Ministry of Science and Technology to introduce a Bill in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha to make the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Bio Technology, an institution of national importance.