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Title: Need to open central schools in Kumbakonam and Mayiladuthurai, Tamilnadu.

SHRI O.S. MANIAN (MAYILADUTHURAI): Sir, there are 1087 Central schools spread throughout the country with 10,58,450 students receiving quality education. Since inception in 1965, the Central schools have come to be known as centres of excellence in the field of secondary and senior secondary education promoting national integration and a sense of Indianness among the children while ensuring their total personality development and academic excellence. However, out of 1,087 Central schools, there are only 37 schools in Tamil Nadu. Even important ancient towns in Tamil Nadu do not have Central schools. Kumbakonam and Mayiladuthurai are historical towns in the Cauvery delta. There are many Central Government offices and institutions like Railways, Postal Services, CPCL, ONGC and Telecommunications services in these towns. At least one Central School should be opened in these two towns in the ensuing academic year. The Centre should take steps to open Central schools in other towns of Tamil Nadu where there are no Central schools.