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Title: Need to establish Kendriya Vidyalayas in Salem and Villupuram districts of Tamil Nadu.

DR.K. KAMARAJ (KALLAKURICHI): The total tribal population in Tamil Nadu is about 8 Lakh. Of this nearly 25% ie., 2 Lakh tribal people live in Salem and Villupuram districts of Tamil Nadu particularly in my Kallakurichi Parliamentary Constituency. They are traditional inhabitants of Kalvarayan Hills, Chinna Kalvarayan Hills, Shervaroys Hills and Pachamalai Hills of the Eastern Ghats. More than 60 per cent of the tribal people are living below poverty line.

Article 46 of the Constitution requires the State to promote with special care, the educational and economic interests of the weaker sections of the people and in particular the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes as well as to protect them from social injustice and all forms of exploitation. To improve the literacy rate and educational standards of the tribal students especially the girls, Government of Tamil Nadu is running many schools including Ashram and Eklavya Schools. In order to provide quality CBSE system of education and to make tribal students match with the students in cities and towns, they require Kendriya Vidyalayas.

Therefore, I urge upon the Union Minister of Tribal Affairs to sponsor for establishment of two Kendriya Vidyalayas, one each at Shervaroys (Yercaud) Hills and Kalvarayan Hill of Salem and Villupuram District respectively to impart quality education to the tribal students.