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Title: Need to establish Central Research Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy at Annaipalyam in Namakkal district of Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM (NAMAKKAL): Thank you Speaker Madam. There is a demand for setting up of a Central Research Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy in my Namakkal Parliamentary Constituency. I have raised already this demand under Rule 377. The hon. Minister for AYUSH, in his written reply, has informed me that the matter to establish more Central Research Institutes on Yoga and Naturopathy was discussed in the 18th Meeting of the Governing Body and the Governing body accorded its in-principle approval to set up three additional Institutes.

It is understood that the setting up of a Central Research Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy would be considered, if there is land of more than 20 acres available. In Annaipalayam Village of Rasipuram Panchayat Union of Namakkal District, 23.61 acres land is lying vacant which can be earmarked for the establishment of Central Research Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy.

Madam, the idea of declaring 21st June as an 'International Day of Yoga' was first proposed by our hon. Prime Minister at the United Nations General Assembly on September 27, 2014. Under the guidance of hon. Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, the first International Yoga Day was observed throughout Tamil Nadu.

Therefore, I urge the Union Government to take necessary steps for the establishment of a Central Research Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy at Annaipalayam in my Namakkal Constituency at the earliest.

Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Bhairon Prasad Mishra and Shri Sharad Tripathi are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri P.R. Sundaram.