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Titel: Need to open Footwear Design and Development Institute in Kozhikode Parliamentary Constituency, Kerala.

SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN (KOZHIKODE): Hon. Deputy Speaker Sir, Kozhikode is a major centre for manufacture of footwear with an approximate turnover of Rs 700 crore per annum and employing more than 10,000 employees.

The Footwear Design and Development Institute is the premier institute for footwear design and the Government of Kerala has suggested for the opening of one of the proposed four institutes at Kozhikode which the FDDI has agreed to in principle. The Government of Kerala has also allotted the mandatory 20 acres of land for the purpose in February, 2013. I request the hon. Minister of Commerce to allot the required fund of Rs 100 crore during the financial year of 2014-15 itself for construction work of the institute.