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Title: Need to set up a medical college as a part of the Central University in Kasargod, Kerala.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): Sir, I would like to present an important issue before the Government. Four years back the Human Rights Commission had suggested for setting up a medical college with all equipments in Kerala, especially in Kasargod district. The decision had come in the context of the serious situation prevailing due to continuous use of Endosulfan in the district.

The suggestion was to start the college as a part of the Central University because the fund was to come from University Grants Commission (UGC). When the Central University came into existence, the then HRD Minister had made it clear that the medical college would be set up here itself. But, till now no action has been taken by the Government. Sufficient land and other facilities have already been availed by the Government of Kerala and district administration. As it was promised by the Government and as it was a part of the Central University, I urge the Government to take this issue seriously.