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Title: Need to allocate grant-in-aids for Universities through University Grants Commission (UGC).

*SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM (NAMAKKAL): Hon. Chairman Sir, Vanakkam. The Union Government through University Grants Commission (UGC) allocates grant-in-aids for Universities in order to promote higher education in the country during every five year plan. There have been complaints regarding irregularities on the functioning of University Grants Commission. UGC has decided to stop sending Review Committees. During Eleventh five year plan only Rs. 20 Crore was allocated by UGC for Universities in Tamil Nadu. But UGC has provided grants amounting more than Rs.100 Crore to University of Mumbai and University of Pune. UGC has decided to provide Rs.120 Crore at the maximum. If we look into this we will come to know that the Universities in Tamil Nadu may be provided only an amount of Rs.60 Crore altogether whereas the Universities in North India may get more than Rs.300 Crore. Instead of rectifying the errors in the Review Committee, UGC has decided to do away with the system of reviewing and evaluation through Review Committees. It is unfair. After evaluation and review an University, I urge that UGC should provide grants on the basis of number of students, researches and various developmental work undertaken by the University. Hon. Chairman Sir, UGC has stopped release of grants to Avinasilingam University of Coimbatore. I therefore urge the Union Government to allocate adequate funds to all the Universities and continue with the previous guidelines for providing such grants. Thank you.