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Title: Regarding renovation of gurukulams and providing amenities with proper vigilance and monitoring system.

SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA (ARAKU): Thank you hon. Chairman Sir for giving me this opportunity to speak about a very urgent and important issue of the sad plight of *gurukulams* in my constituency. My constituency is Araku which is the only tribal constituency in Andhra Pradesh and we have got four ITDAs operating in my constituency. In the four ITDAs, we have got seven *gurukulams* and 14 mini-*gurukulams*. These *gurukulams* are actually PTG *gurukulams* and the PTG *gurukulams* are in a very bad condition today. The buildings are condemned. Any day the building may collapse and the students may die in that particular *gurukulam*. All the schools are in that shape only. I have recently visited the school where 60 children are sleeping in a small room without any amenity. They are not given any bedsheet. They are not given any infrastructure. The children are left in a very bad shape. We are talking about Swachh Bharat but even toilets are not there. Six hundred students have to go for open defecation. It is very sad plight of the students. There is no drinking water. The students are completely in malnutrition. The hon. Tribal Welfare Minister was here all the time. I wanted to actually speak when the Minister was here. But I request the Tribal Minister, through you, that these *gurukulams* should be taken into consideration because these are the rural schools which are in reach of the tribal children. So, these *gurukulams* have to be immediately renovated and amenities have to be provided. Proper vigilance and monitoring system should also be created for these *gurukulams* in order to provide best education to students.