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Title: Need to set up a petroleum research institute in Dibrugarh, Assam.

SHRI RAMESHWAR TELI (DIBRUGARH): My constituency Dibrugarh is famous for mineral wealth. Natural gas, oil, coal etc. are found in abundance in the district of Dibrugarh. Digboi oil refinery which is the oldest refinery in Asia is located here. Oil India Limited (OIL) company's Operational Headquarters is also situated in Dibrugarh district. Several oil fields where oil explorations are taking place exist in this mineral rich area. But despite being blessed with such rich mineral resources, my constituency does not have an institute to carry out research and development in the field of petroleum and petroleum products. Setting up of a petroleum research institute in this petroleum rich area will benefit not only our country, but it will also benefit other petroleum producing countries of the world. I, therefore, request the government to set up a petroleum research institute in Dibrugarh at the earliest.