

Sixteenth Lok Sabha

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Title: Need to expedite construction of permanent campus of IIT Palakkad, Kerala.

SHRI M. B. RAJESH (PALAKKAD): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards an important issue. An IIT in Kerala was a long pending demand and when the Government announced five new IITs in 2014-15 budget, Kerala was also included in the list. In Palakkad, excellent facilities were arranged on a war-footing for a temporary campus. I am glad to say that IIT Palakkad was the first one to start functioning among the five new IITs announced. The Government of Kerala has already acquired 409 acres of land for the construction of permanent campus. Union Government has also sanctioned funds for the construction. In this context, Union Government was requested several times to officially lay the foundation stone for permanent campus. I would like to urge upon the Government to officially lay the foundation stone and expedite the construction of the permanent campus.