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Title: Need to establish Kendriya Vidyalaya in Yercaud Hills of Salem district and Sitheripattu village of Villupuram district of Tamil Nadu.

DR. K. KAMARAJ (KALLAKURICHI): I urge the Government to establish a Kendriya Vidyalaya each in Civil Sector at Villupuram and Salem District of Tamil Nadu.

Villupuram district is the largest district in Tamil Nadu and ranks 29<sup>th</sup> in Human Development Index (HDI) and Salem district occupies 17<sup>th</sup> rank in HDI out of total 32 districts. Villupuram and Salem district ranks 5th and 6th in total population of Tamil Nadu. 30% of population in Villupuram district and 20% of population in Salem district belong to Schedule Castes and Schedule tribes. 25% of Tribal population of Tamil Nadu live in above districts and the remaining population belongs to most backward and back ward communities. Most of the population in above districts live below poverty line because of poor socio-economic conditions. They cannot afford high cost of education and health needs. At present as there is no Kendriya Vidyalaya School in above districts, parents admit their children in private schools which are expensive.

In order to provide quality, low cost education, I kindly request the Hon'ble Minister for Human resource and Development to establish a Kendriya Vidyalaya School each in civil sector in Yercaud hills of Salem and Sitheripattu village of Villupram District of Tamil Nadu.