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Title: Regarding setting up of a Central Hill university in Manipur.

SHRI THANGSO BAITE (OUTER MANIPUR): Manipur is an emerging state of North East India and sharing a common border of about 400 Kms. with Myanmar. The existing Manipur Central University is not able to accommodate the high demand of admissions at Post Graduate level. The Reservation Quota of ST students is found to be very inadequate. The tribal population of 34% has no other alternative except to go to Manipur University which has very limited seats. A considerable number of Tribal Students who could not get admission are bound to bear the pains of abandoning their studies as they could not afford to go outside the State owing to financial difficulties. It may be pointed out that owing to constant financial constraints in a State which has a limited resource of its own, it could not afford to establish State University. It is, therefore, proposed that a Central Hill University may please be established in Manipur as a special case.