

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding drop out in higher education -laid.

**KUMARI RAMYA HARIDAS (ALATHUR):** Dropout in higher education among scheduled communities especially among tribes is a major problem. There are several hostels and residential facilities for such students in pre-matric level. But in higher education, there are no such facilities including in technical education. So dropout among children from remote areas especially in my constituency Parambikulam is quite common. And they are compelled to give up their studies due to lack of residential facility in higher education institutions. Hence, it is a favour to such students if the Central Government establishes residential technical educational institution or regional study centre with residential facilities for scheduled communities under central universities in Parambikulam or Nenmara, a remote area in my constituency.