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Title: Regarding problem of internet connection faced by students of Lakshadweep.

SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P. (LAKSHADWEEP): Hon. Speaker, Sir, thank you for allowing me to speak in Zero Hour. Perhaps, Lakshadweep is the only area in the world which is now free from COVID. We have taken so many precautionary measures to get this achievement. But the point which I am going to raise today is that we have taken back nearly 3000 students from across the country to Lakshadweep. The problem which we now face is that the academic year has started and all the universities and colleges have started online classes. As far as Lakshadweep is concerned, I have taken up this issue in Parliament to improve the internet connectivity. The students are going through enormous mental tension as to what their future is and how the Government is planning to carry out this academic year. BSNL is the only service provider in Lakshadweep. Government of India has given the permission for expanding the bandwidth to 1.72 GB in March 2020. They were supposed to complete the work by August 2020. So far, it has not happened physically in Lakshadweep.

All the students are in a big distress. Their parents are also in a big distress. I would urge the Government to look into the matter as the students are future of our country.