## Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding the proposal to give reservation to Puducherry students in Puducherry University.

SHRI VE. VAITHILINGAM (PUDUCHERRY): Hon. Speaker, Sir, there is only one University in Puducherry called Pondicherry University which was gifted by our great leader, Shri Rajiv Gandhi in 1985. There is no State university or the private university in Puducherry.

This Central University was started with eight courses and subsequently, the number was increased to 23 courses. For these 23 course, there is reservation for Puducherry students. After that, they started so many courses. There are near about 51 Departments and 58 PG and research courses but there is no reservation for the Puducherry students for these courses.

So, I would request the Minister to give reservation for the Puducherry students. There was a proposal sent by the University to the MHRD but it has not been cleared since 2013. So, I would request the Minister to give reservation for the Puducherry students.