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*SHRI K. NAVASKANI (RAMANATHAPURAM): Hon'ble Speaker sir,

Approximately thirteen lakh Tamils are living in Delhi. There are schools under the administration of Delhi Tamil Educational Academy, DTEA. Tamil Children studying in Delhi can study Tamil through these schools. Therefore, they have no problem in having school education in Tamil. If they want to pursue higher studies in Tamil at Delhi, they have to face some difficulties now. Lady Shriram College for Women, and Miranda House University College for women have Departments for Tamil literature. They are functioning under Delhi University, but they did not fill the vacancies for Assistant Professors in the Department of Tamil Literature. These posts are lying vacant. Sir, through you, I request the Union Government to fill up the vacancies in the Department of Tamil Literature in these colleges. This will enable students in Delhi to pursue higher education in Tamil. Similarly, in B.Ed. colleges reservation of seven seats was given to Tamil students. This provision has to continue. During the last three years, due to the internal fight between the Departments, vacancies are not filled up in the Department of Tamil.

Sir, Ramanthapuram is my constituency. Due to lack of industries, my constituency is in a backward state. Educated youth have to go abroad or other states in search of employment. I request the Union Government to set up some industries in my constituencies so that our

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educated youth will get employment. Moreover, there is no University in my constituency. I request the Union Government to set up a Central University on the line of Aligarh Muslim University, in Ramanathapuram. Thank you.

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