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Title: Regarding establishing Kendriya Vidyalayas in Gulf Cooperation Council Countries.

SHRI M. K. RAGHAVAN (KOZHIKODE): There are over 80 lakh Indians working in the Gulf Sector and more than 90% of them are blue collared workers. A large number of them are living with their families and hence education has become a major problem for them.

Today the education in the GCC is getting costlier and most of the NRIs are unable to meet the cost of schooling. The CBSE already has affiliated schools in the GCC.

It would be appropriate if Kendriya Vidyalayas are opened in these GCCs so that quality and affordable schooling could be provided to the wards of the NRIs.

There should also be off campus centres of some of the central universities to cater to higher studies for them, like the various reputed international universities having set up off campus in the GCCs.