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Title: Regarding upgradation of Cochin University of Science & Technology -laid.

SHRI HIBI EDEN (ERNAKULAM): Cochin University of Science and Technology is a government-owned autonomous Science and Technology university in Kochi, Kerala. In 2007 CUSAT was among the five institutions identified by MHRD for upgradation as an Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST). Prior to this proposal, there was a plan to upgrade the university to an IIT, which had not materialized. CUSAT deserves this upgradation due to its impeccable reputation in the Country. CUSAT was ranked 801-1000 in the world by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings of 2018 and 251-300 in Asia, which is no mean feat as it did beat a few IITs and NITs in the process. The University has the potential to climb the ladder in the rankings and its upgradation is crucial for actualising this dream. So I urge upon the Government to do the needful to upgrade CUSAT to IEST at the earliest.