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Title: Regarding setting up of a Kalari Academy and Museum at Kadirur-laid.

SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN (VADAKARA): Kalaripayattu also known simply as Kalari, is an Indian martial art that originated in Kerala. The Sports Ministry, Government of India has recently inducted Kalaripayattu into the Khelo India Youth Games. Apart being a martial art, Kalaripayattu has its own medical system called Kalari Chikthsa. Kalaripayattu is mentioned in the Vadakkan Pattukal, a collection of ballads written about the Chekavar of the Malabar region of Kerala.

It is a long standing aspiration of the people of Malabar to see a Kalari Academy and Museum in the region. Kadirur in Kannur district is the most suitable location for setting up such an institution as it has historical links with Kalaripayattu. Kadhirur Gurukkal also known as Mathilure Gurukkal was a celebrated martial artist of medieval period from Kadirur. A Kalari Academy and Museum is proposed by the Kalari lovers at Kadirur to impart the martial art to the people interested in the art and to introduce Kalaripayattu to tourists. As on now, there is no such institution in Kerala. The Kadirur Gram Panchayat has expressed its willingness to support the proposal.

Hence, I request the Government of India to set up a Kalari Academy at Kadirur.