## Regarding establishment of a central university in Balurghat-laid

DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR (BALURGHAT): I want to raise the pressing need for establishment of a Central University in North Bengal, specifically in the town of Balurghat. This region has long been underserved in terms of higher education institutions, and establishment of a Central University would not only address this gap but also contribute significantly to the educational and socio-economic development of the area. North Bengal, with its rich cultural heritage and strategic location, is an ideal setting for a Central University. The town of Balurghat, in particular, serves as a hub for the surrounding districts and is well-connected by road and rail, making it accessible to students from various parts of the region. The establishment of a Central University in Balurghat would not only provide quality higher education but also stimulate economic growth, create employment opportunities, and foster cultural and intellectual exchange. The demand for a Central University in North Bengal has been voiced by the local community, educational stakeholders, and aspiring students for guite some time. The establishment of such an institution aligns with the national agenda of promoting higher education in underserved areas and enhancing accessibility to quality education. Therefore, I urge upon the Government to establish a Central University in Balurghat.