

Title: Need to enhance the existing quota of seats for professional courses and open Medical, Engineering and Agricultural Colleges in Nagaland.

SHRI K.A. SANGTAM (NAGALAND): Sir, the State of Nagaland is the second oldest State after Assam in the North-East which was formed in 1961 as the 16th State of the Union of India. But, till date, there is not a single Agriculture University, Engineering College or Medical College in the State. Today, Nagaland State is the second highest as far as literacy is concerned after Mizoram in the North-East. And all these years the students who are desirous to go for any of these disciplines have to depend on the quota allotted by the Central Government to the State.

The youth who are agitated for not being able to pursue the kind of education they wanted to with the very limited scope for specialisation in Medical, Engineering and Agriculture, find an easy way out to join the insurgent groups out of frustration. Keeping in mind the seriousness of the situation with regard to the future generation not being able to get these facilities can be very costly to the entire nation, especially in view of the increasing number of insurgents in the region.

I, therefore, request the Government of India to allocate more seats for students from Nagaland in the Medical, Engineering and Agriculture Colleges and, at the same time, work out to establish these institutions in Nagaland without further delay.