

**Title:** Need to accord status of deemed University to Kalamandalam Institute in Kerala.

SHRI S. AJAYA KUMAR (OTTAPALAM): Sir, Kerala Kalamandadam Institute is one of the prominent institutions in the country which is rendering a valuable service in the cultural and educational field. Students from all over the country and also abroad come to study in this world famous institute. Kalamandalam Institute was established and patronized by the legendary literary personality, late Shri Vaqllathol Narayan Menon.

Kerala Kalamandalam has been in the forefront in providing education. It is running educational institutions upto the level of Graduation. This institute has been requesting the concerned authorities to upgrade it to the status of a deemed university which will enhance its further development to enable it to contribute more in the field of art and education. But Sir, the request is still pending with the Central Government for sanction.

It is a long cherished dream of the people of Kerala that the Kalamandalam be upgraded to a status of a full fledged university. I, therefore, urge upon the Union Government to take necessary steps in this regard without any further delay.