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Title: Need to declare Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Bio-Technology as an institution of national importance and sanction adequate grants for its development- Laid.

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA (MAVAELIKARA) : Shri Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Bio-Technology, a premier institute was set up by Kerala Government and the building complex was inaugurated in the year 2002 by Hon. President. It is a prestigious institute conducting research in nuclear medicine, bio-medicine and running diagnostic centres catering to lakhs of people. The institute also conducts research in agricultural operations also. Since the Institute should cater to national level also and also the fact that it requires liberal grants, I urge upon the Central Government to take over the existing institute and declare it as an institution of national importance as in the case of Sri Chitra Thirunal Institute in Kerala.