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Title: Need to set up a Tribal University at Khatiguda in Nawrangpur district, Orissa.

SHRI PARSURAM MAJHI (NOWRANGPUR): There has been an inordinate delay in the establishment of a Tribal University in the country. The State of Orissa has as many as nine scheduled districts. Besides, there are several blocks in the State which come under the scheduled areas. The undivided Koraput district has sizeable tribal population. The newly created Nawrangpur district was a part of that Koraput district and also it is one of the KBK districts where 55 per cent of the people are tribals. The literacy rate among the male and female people in that district is 18 and 3 per cent respectively.

As adequate infrastructural facilities are available for the establishment of a university at Khatiguda (Indravati) in Nawrangpur district, it is necessary that the proposed Tribal University should be set up at that place.

In view of that, I demand that the proposal to set up the Tribal University at Khatiguda be considered forthwith.