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Title: Need to open Regional Headquarter of CBSE in Kerala.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (MUVATTUPUZHA): Sir, the Southern Region of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is flooded with a number of schools. There are 2,400 schools coming under the Southern Region with the head office in Chennai. It has to be bifurcated.

In Kerala itself there are 800 schools, and there are about 200 applications pending. Therefore, the total comes to about 1,000 schools. It is only in the interest of justice, and for the interest of better administration that a Regional Office be established in Kerala.

As regards the other new offices that were established in Bhubaneswar -- it has got only 550 schools -- and Patna-- it has got 550 schools -- it is very good, and we all support it. In Kerala, there are already 800 schools plus 200 schools coming up. Therefore, it is just that immediately a Regional Office should be established there.

I would like to submit that in all the other offices -- where the Regional Headquarters are there -- like in Allahabad, Ajmer, Chandigarh and Guwahati I find that the number of schools are much less than in the Southern Region. Therefore, it is very urgent and immediately necessary that this bifurcation be done, and a Regional Office be given to Kerala preferably in my home district Kottayam.