

Title: Need to erect a statue of the renowned social reformer, Sree Narayana Guru at a prominent place in Delhi.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (MUVATTUPUZHA): Sir, Sree Narayana Guru was a social reformer who relentlessly fought against casteism and the social backwardness of millions of Indians. His renowned messages – 'One caste, one religion, one God for mankind'; 'it is enough that one becomes pure be whatever religion one belongs to'; 'enrich yourself by education'; and his most humane and practical teachings have influenced millions of people. His teachings have become more relevant now, and it is necessary to honour and spread them to the future generations. It is only befitting that his statue be erected at an appropriate place in Delhi, preferably near Parliament, Rashtrapati Bhavan or Central Secretariat. I request the Central Government to take urgent steps in this regard.

I have also written a letter to the hon. Speaker to consider it being placed in the Parliament.