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Title : Need to grant Central University status to Andhra University.

SHRI M. RAJA MOHAN REDDY (NARASARAOPET): Andhra University, located at Vishakhapatnam, is one to the oldest universities having a magnificent building and surroundings with sprawling campus in 500 acres of land. It has various departments and has international exposure in several disciplines.

Andhra University has many achievements to its credit since its inception in 1926. It has produced distinguished alumni from the fields of Science and Technology, Education, Judiciary, Administration, Politics and Social Work.

A request has been made by Andhra Pradesh to convert Andhra University into a Central University keeping in view its outstanding record and contribution in all disciplines of education in the last about 78 years. The university fulfills all the requisite requirements and conditions to be declared as a Central University.

The request is still pending with Government of India. I would request the Central Government to consider favourably this just and reasonable request at the earliest. I am sure that with the liberal Central aid and patronage, the Andhra University will prove to be a world-class University.