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Title: Need to upgrade the University College of Engineering at Burla, Orissa to the level of Indian Institute of Technology.

SHRI B. MAHTAB (CUTTACK): The importance of quality education has assumed greater significance in developing province like Orissa as it is undergoing rapid industrialization. Private Enterprises are setting up Steel and Aluminum plants and around twelve Thermal Plants are also being established. They will bring investments to the tune of Rs.Four lakh crore to the state. Besides all the major IT companies are setting up their centre too.

The university College of Engineering at Burla has huge infrastructure with excellent academic and research facilities. The Anand Krishnan Committee has recommended five 'old and quality' engineering colleges to be upgraded to Indian Institute of Engineering, Science and Technology.

I urge upon the Government to study the potential of University of Engineering at the earliest and upgrade it to the level of Indian Institute of Engineering, Science and Technology.