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Title: Need to set up Kendriya Vidyalayas in Vellore and Thiruvannamalai districts of Tamil Nadu.

SHRI D. VENUGOPAL (TIRUPPATTUR): In Tamil Nadu, right from the days of the Britishers, we find the functioning of established schools in certain districts including the present Vellore and Thiruvannamalai districts. But these districts do not have adequate number of such schools due to its backwardness caused by inadequate industrial growth and increased number of people living below poverty line. Quality education and well established higher secondary schools are not there in good number at a time when a new Thiruvalluvar University has been established in Vellore and reputed Technical institutions have been established in Vellore and Thiruvannamalai. So there is a need to establish Kendriya Vidyalaya Schools there in and around Vellore and Thiruvannamalai that come under my constituency and home district. People from several parts of India live in historical and pilgrimage towns like Vellore and Thiruvannamalai. Considering the population mix and the educational needs, I urge upon the Union HRD Ministry to start new Kendriya Vidyalaya Schools in Vellore and Thiruvannamalai with the co-operation of the State Government. The Centre may initiate steps to establish KVS schools there from the beginning of the academic year 2007-2008.

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