

Title: Need to set up a Central University on Information Technology in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S.K. KHARVENTHAN (PALANI): Sir, at present there are 18 Central Universities functioning throughout the country. All the Universities are located in Northern India except one in Puducherry. There are five universities in the North East, four in New Delhi, four in Uttar Pradesh, two in Andhra Pradesh and one each in West Bengal and Maharashtra.

For the past sixty years no central university is constituted on any field of education in Tamilnadu, Kerala and Karnataka. The youths from south are unable to get admission in anyone of the Central Universities due to language problem and so many reasons. Large number of youths who are working in the field of Information Technology sector throughout the world are from Tamil Nadu only. However, there is not much scope for the students in the Tamilnadu State to pursue their higher education in Central Universities and they are facing lot of difficulties.

Hence, there is an urgent need for setting up of a Central University on Information Technology in Southern India particularly in Tamilnadu. I shall, therefore, urge upon the Government to take necessary action for establishing a Central University on Information Technology in Tamilnadu at the earliest.

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