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Title: Need to set up an Indian Institute of Technology in Kerala.

SHRIMATI C.S. SUJATHA : Mr. Chairman, Sir, Kerala State has made significant progress in the field of elementary and secondary education. It is the most literate State in the country. Though the State leads in the literacy, it lags behind most other States in terms of higher education. There is urgent need to make substantial increase in higher education to cope with the emerging knowledge economy to the development of the State. There is dearth of institutions of national importance in the State for higher education. The State has been requesting the Central Government for setting up of an IIT. The location and required land have been identified and the same has been communicated to the Centre. However, so far no action has been taken in this regard by the Central Government.

I urge upon the Government to concede the demand and take urgent steps so that the long cherished dream for an IIT is fulfilled without further delay.