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Title: Need to set up a Central Polytechnic at Melur Taluk in Madurai district, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P. MOHAN (MADURAI): Education is in the Concurrent List and it is incumbent on the part of Union Government also to establish institutions in several parts of the country, especially in areas where people from the deprived sections of the society dwell without facilities for technical and technological training and education. For instance, Kottampatti Panchayat Union in Melur Taluk of Madurai District of Tamil Nadu, an economically backward area, does not have a college for higher education and any institute for technical education and training though it has two higher secondary schools and twelve high schools run by Government with about 1200 students passing out every year. Since these children from Backward Class and Scheduled Caste families do not have facilities to have technical education and training in the absence of any Polytechnic or even an Industrial Training Institute, 90 per cent of the school students have to discontinue their schools studies and have to move away as migrant labour to live on daily wages. Considering this need of the youth of this backward area and also the availability of about 350 acres of uncultivated Government land lying vacant in Siiambkone Patti, Survey No. 1/1 in Pallapatti village in Kottampatti Panchayat Union in Melur Taluk of Madurai District that has a fertile hilly backdrop with plentiful water resources a higher technical education institute can be conceived. Hence, I urge upon the Union Government to establish a Central Polytechnic there to benefit children who hail from the depressed classes of the society.