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Title: Need to establish a Santhali University in Jhargram parliamentary constituency, West Bengal.

SHRI PULIN BIHARI BASKE (JHARGRAM): Jhargram parliamentary constituency is one of the most backward areas in our country. More than 60 per cent of total population this constituency belong to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Community. Government of West Bengal is going to declare Jhargram as a separate district. If Jhargram is made as a separate district, then the entire Jhargram district will be covered by the Jhargram Parliamentary Constituency. Government of West Bengal has already appointed Superintendent of Police and Chief Medical Officer of Health for this proposed district. Most of the primary and secondary schools have appointed Santhali language teachers to promote Santhali (Alchiki) language. Santhali language in Alchiki script has been introduced in each of the primary schools. Santhali language has also been introduced in some colleges in this constituency. But there is no Santhali University to facilitate Santhalis for their higher education. So, I urge upon the Union Government to establish a Santhali University in Jhargram Parliamentary Constituency of West Bengal.