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Title: Need to convert Indian School of Mines (ISM), Dhanbad into Indian Institute of Technology (IIT).

SHRI S.S. RAMASUBBU (TIRUNELVELI): Mr. Chairman, Sir, more than 1500 students of the prestigious Indian School of Mines (ISM), Dhanbad are observing their peaceful demonstration at Jantar Mantar from 2nd September onwards. Their need is conversion of the institute, ISM, into IIT (Indian Institute of Technology). It is the best institute in Asia. Now it has become a full-fledged engineering institute with branches such as computer science, electrical, electronics, mechanical; all the courses are there.

The proposal of conversion has been passed in Jharkhand State Assembly also. National Development Council, Planning Commission also accepted this one. The Governor of Jharkhand also sent the letter to the Central Government to convert this institute into an IIT during September, 2009.

Sir, this institute has all the infrastructure facilities. Our hon. Minister, Shri Oscar Fernandes and myself went there to find out the grievances of the students. Their only demand is, it must change it as an IIT. This is the demand. The genuine demand must be fulfilled by our Government. It is very important because 5000 students are studying. They come from all over India from all the States, from Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh etc. Students from almost all the States are studying in that institute. I urge upon the Government to fulfill the reasonable and essential request of the student.