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Title : Need to set up a world class university in Orissa.

SHRI B. MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Earlier in 2008, the Government had declared that a World Class University would be set up in Orissa. Accordingly, the then HRD Minister had initiated the proposal by writing a letter to Chief Minister of Orissa. For the purpose, a piece of a land measuring hundred acres was required free of cost. In response, Orissa Government has intimated that 100 acres of land at Talabasta under Gadjit R.I. Circle of Banki Tahsil in the district of Cuttack nearer to Bhubaneswar and close to river Mahanadi is available.

Though an official of Government of India, Ministry of HRD had visited the proposed site on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009, the response of the Central Government in the matter is still awaited. I would urge upon the Government to take immediate action for establishment of a World class University in Orissa.