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Title: Need to set up a model degree college in Srikakulam district, Andhra Pradesh.

DR. KRUPARANI KILLI (SRIKAKULAM): The Government of India approved a proposal to set up one model degree college each in 374 educationally backward districts where gross enrolment ratio (GER) for higher education is less than the national GER. The Ministry of Human Resource Development has recognized 13 districts of Andhra Pradesh as educationally backward districts and Srikakulam district is one of them. Srikakulam district is one of the most backward districts of Andhra Pradesh as well as in the country. Most of the population of this district is tribal and economically and socially backward communities. The people are mainly farmers and fishermen. Educationally this district is very backward with insufficient schools and colleges and also due to the poor living standards, the GER is very low when compared to the national average in primary and higher education levels. Opening of a Model Degree College in the Srikakulam District will help to improve the educational standards and the enrolment ratio in the higher education in the district.

Hence, I request the Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Development to consider the proposal for setting up a model degree college in Srikakulam district, Andhra Pradesh at the earliest.