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Title: Need to accord approval for the establishment of Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research at Nagpur, Maharashtra.

SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR (NAGPUR): I intend to raise a very important matter regarding the establishment of an institution of national importance viz Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research for furtherance of Learning and Research in Science and Technology in association with the Council of Scientific Research in Nagpur.

The Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research Bill 2011 was passed by the Parliament and published in the Gazette of India on 07.02.2012 and the Government is now in the lookout for a suitable place to establish this academy. The proposed academy will primarily focus on research and imparting training, inter-disciplinary and trans-disciplinary areas, not ordinarily provided in the Indian Universities. The advance courses proposed to be covered by the academy will be Avionics, System Biology, Ayurgenomics, Ocean Engineering, Flight Vehicle Engineering, Mechatronics, Advanced Petroleum Science & Technology Green Chemistry etc. The academy is expected to open world class infrastructure of CSIR in its 37 Research Institutes across India which is highly talented internationally recognized faculty some of whom are best in the world to our students. This academy would supplement and compliment efforts of the Ministry of Human Resource Development in strengthening the higher education in science and technology. It will be an institute to carry out inter-disciplinary teaching and research in post graduate and Phd. Programme in collaboration with CSIR which has been working extensively with University system.

National Environment Engineering and Research Institute is already successfully functioning at Nagpur and has contributed a lot in the field of science and technology. The establishment of Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research will add further opportunities to the people intending to do research in the field of science and technology. The availability of ample land within the institute will all the more be advantageous for the scientists to work together.

I would, therefore, urge upon the Hon'ble Prime Minister and the Hon'ble Minister of Science and Technology to kindly accord the necessary approval for the establishment of Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research at Nagpur which is the most centralized place and geographical centre of the country. Nagpur is already having many educational institutes of repute and is emerging as one of the major centre for basic educational facilities and the establishment of this academy will further contribute in the development of the backward region of Vidarbha.