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Title: Need to establish a Central University at Bolangir in Odisha.

SHRI KALIKESH NARAYAN SINGH DEO (BOLANGIR): Mr. Chairman, Sir, my constituency, Bolangir is a part of the impoverished and backward KVK region of Odhisa which has some of the lowest human development indices of this nation and maybe even in the world. Almost 70 per cent of the people live below the poverty line. The literacy rate is far below the State average, 55 per cent in all and 39 per cent for female literacy.

Sir, the main source of livelihood is agriculture. However, most of the district is without irrigation, and 80 per cent of the farmers are the marginal farmers. It is in that context, Sir, I demand from the Central Government that a Central Agricultural University be established which will not only raise the literacy level of the region and the district but it will also help the marginal farmers in improving their livelihood.