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Title: Need to allocate funds for establishment of Anglo-Indian cultural centres in cities with concentration of Anglo-Indian community in the country.

SHRI CHARLES DIAS (NOMINATED): The community of European descendants, now called Anglo-Indians are struggling to maintain their unique culture. The sudden dislocation of the Anglo-Indian community after denial of job reservation to them in Central services has pushed them to economical and educational backwardness and most of them are staying in rented houses. This dislocation of the community, away from their places of birth and away from their relatives was instrumental in losing their life-style and language and thereby losing their culture.

The Govt. of India under the Ministry of Minority Affairs has introduced various schemes and institutions for the welfare of minorities. But Anglo-Indians are neglected in these matters. It is necessary that allocation of sufficient funds are to be made for establishing Cultural Centres in cities like Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Mumbai, Bangalore, Chennai, Cochin and other places where there is a concentration of Anglo-Indians. I urge upon the Ministry of Minority Affairs to take urgent necessary steps for allocation of funds for these projects and a Special Officer has to be appointed at the Ministry level to ensure that necessary lands are allocated from the respective State Governments for this and also to undertake the construction of cultural centres.