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Title: Need to enhance the scholarship amount for the students of Lakshadweep.

MOHAMMED FAIZAL (LAKSHADWEEP): Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to speak in this august House and to raise before you an issue related to my constituency, Lakshadweep.

You know that the entire population of Lakshadweep is categorized as Scheduled Tribe through the People's Act, 1956. Under the light of this, the students of Lakshadweep and the children born to the parents of Lakshadweep are given free education. You also know that after we achieved Independence and entered in a democratic set up, Lakshadweep has witnessed enhancement of scholarship only once in 2006. Right now I wish to point out that just three days before there was a huge strike before the Department of Education for clearing the existing scholarship bills which is pending not because of shortages of fund but just because of the administrative delay.

My submission before the Government through you, Madam, is that the proposal pending before the Ministry of Human Resources Development for enhancing the scholarship for Lakshadweep students may be expedited.