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Title: Need to provide adequate infrastructure facilities in Gurukul schools in Araku Parliamentary Constituency, Andhra Pradesh.

SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA (ARAKU): I would like to draw the kind attention of the Government regarding the need to properly maintain adequate infrastructure in Gurukul Schools in Andhra Pradesh.

Araku is the only tribal Constituency in Andhra Pradesh and we have got maximum number of Gurukul schools. We have 4 ITDAs in my Constituency under which we have 64 gurukulams and 7 mini gurukulams. The plight of these 64 schools is alarming and even the existing buildings are in a very bad shape and the students are leading a fearful life.

It is painful that even minimum infrastructure is not provided to these schools including proper furniture, labs and equipment. The schools for girls have no compound walls and sanitation is also quite bad and in unhygienic conditions. The schools have no proper funds for maintenance. Minimum amenities are not being provided to the students such as proper bedrolls and drinking water in most of institutions. Though health assistance is required around the clock, many schools are being deprived of the facility and these gurukulams are situated in remote areas and the students are facing untold hardships.

Hence, I request the Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development, through the Chair, to kindly consider and give utmost priority to these institutions, sanction necessary maintenance and infrastructure to these institutions with sufficient budgetary allocations so as to enable the children to study under good environment as they are the assets to our future and nation.