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Title: Regarding introduction of science course in language Universities.

SHRI K. PARASURAMAN (THANJAVUR): Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, with the blessings of Makkal Mudalvar Puratchhi Thalaivi Amma Avargal, I would like to say that there are 665 universities in India which include 42 Central Universities, 290 State Universities and more than 200 private Universities apart from other deemed universities, open universities and institutes of national importance. Among these 665 universities, only 10 universities are language universities. There are three deemed universities for Sanskrit, and three Central Universities, one each for Hindi, Urdu and English. Apart from these six universities, there are four language universities each one for Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Malayalam.

Now, I would like to invite the attention of our hon. Minister of Human Resources to pay more attention and support these language universities for language is basic for all life and culture. Also, I would request our Minister of Human Resource Development to start basic science courses in these language universities where some ancient science courses are only taught. Literature and science must go together for the total development of the nation. In language universities, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and other basic science courses should be introduced because a student, who understands science through his mother tongue would be strong in his subject also.

So, I would request our hon. Minister to take some urgent steps to introduce basic science courses in language universities. In this connection, I would request our Minister to sanction Rs. 100 crore through the University Grants Commission to Tamil University which is in my constituency for introducing science courses and the funds for establishing well equipped science laboratories and other infrastructure facilities for Tamil University at Thanjavur.