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Title: Need to set up a Central University in Saharanpur, U.P.

SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL (SAHARANPUR): Thank you, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. I want to bring to the notice of the House as also to the Government the urgent need for setting up of a Centrally-aided university in my constituency of Saharanpur.

Saharanpur happens to be the Commissionerate headquarters that comprises of Saharanpur, Muzaffarnagar and Shamli Districts. The academic needs of Saharanpur students are catered to by the Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut. Roughly, between one to 1.25 lakh students from Saharanpur enrol with the University every year. There is already a huge burden on the said University with the Vice-Chancellor recently saying that we need two more universities in the region so as to reduce the burden.

Currently, the Chaudhary Charan Singh University is catering to eight to nine districts of Western Uttar Pradesh of which Saharanpur, Meerut, Muzaffarnagar, Bagpat and Bulandshahr are some prominent ones. I request you to urge the Government to consider the setting up of a university in Saharanpur because it also has borders with three States, namely, Haryana, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. We can easily convert Saharanpur into an educational hub. The topography and the climate are well suited to the setting of an educational institution or a university there. I think if we set up a university in Saharanpur, we will be able to cater to the needs from all four States of UP, Haryana, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh.

I reiterate my demand keeping in view the interests of the students of Saharanpur as also of that particular region to the setting up of a Centrally-aided university in Saharanpur.

HON. CHAIRPERSON: \*m02 Shri Dushyant Chautala is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Raghav Lakhanpal.