

को प्रवेश देने में आर्थिक शोषण कर रही है। इन स्व-वित्त पोषित शिक्षण संस्थाओं में विद्यार्थियों से धन लेकर परीक्षा में धड़ल्ले से नकल कराई जाती है जिससे परीक्षा प्रणाली प्रदूषित हो गई है। सहायता प्राप्त महाविद्यालयों में वर्षों तक हजारों शिक्षकों के पद रिक्त रहने के कारण भी शिक्षा का गुणात्मक अवमूल्यन हुआ है। मेरा अनुरोध है कि सरकार उच्च शिक्षा में व्याप्त उपरोक्त दुर्दशा को दूर करने के लिए अविलम्ब आवश्यक कदम उठाने का कष्ट करे। धन्यवाद।

**Demand for Central Government's Assistance for Developing
Infrastructural Facilities for Information Technology in Goa**

SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK (Goa): Sir, while IT revolution is showing the possibilities of lifting India out of poverty and leading to overall progress, there is a disparity the way this new knowledge revolution is spreading across different States, the State of Goa has remained backward in IT revolution. Sir, Goa has a good amount of skilled human resources in the IT sector by producing around 800 engineers and diploma holders every year. However, Goa has not been able to attract any of the top Indian IT firms to the State. Given that it holds such a huge potential for the country, given that it is a non-polluting industry, something that is ideally suited to the fragile environment of Goa as well as a major source of employment to the youth, it is time that the Government, both Central and State, make a concerted effort to bring IT companies to Goa. The Central Government should ask the NASSCOM to open its office in Goa. The Central Government can give tax benefits to these IT units on a condition of creating a definite number of jobs. Good power and broadband connectivity being the lifeline of IT companies, both the Central and State Governments should ensure that. With initial boost by two Governments, IT industry in Goa will be able to stand on its own. Future belongs to those who excel in intellectual work. Today, the world's richest man is an IT businessman. Sir, 54 per cent of the Indian population, today, is below 25 years of age. So, let us give them a scope. Thank you.

**Demand for Revival of Bongaigaon Thermal Power Station in
Assam**

SHRI URKHAOGWRA BRAHMA (Assam): Sir, the Bongaigaon Thermal Power Station was established at Salakati, Assam. The installed capacity of this Station is 240 MW. It is the biggest coal-based thermal power