

the extreme step of committing suicide, if the situation is not checked in time. Thank you, Sir.

Demand for upgrading Sambalpur University to Central University

MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR (Orissa): Madam Deputy Chairperson, the Sambalpur University serves as the chief educational centre for the entire western parts of Orissa. The Sambalpur University was established on 18th January, 1967. It is the second biggest affiliating University in the State of Orissa, with jurisdiction exceeding over ten districts of the western parts of Orissa. They are Sambalpur, Sundergarh, Bargarh, Jharsuguda, Bolangir, Deogarh, Boudh, Suvernapur, Kalahandi, Nuapara and Athamallik subdivision of Angul.

The entire area under the jurisdiction of this University in Western Orissa is both economically and educationally backward. The Government of India has launched the KBK Programme in these districts to eradicate backwardness. The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes constitute 46 per cent of the total population of this region, against the Orissa State average of 38 per cent and the national average of 22 per cent. The Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes constitute more than 90 per cent of the total population in this region. Out of a total of 87 very backward blocks in Orissa, 67 blocks are located in Western Orissa.

In the absence of adequate fund, the State Government, in spite of its eagerness and willingness to help the University, is unable to do so. Unless the Central Government comes to its aid, this University, created to serve a backward region of the country, is sure to suffer stagnation and become irrelevant to the socio-economic growth of the region.

Orissa does not have any Central University, at present. In view of the above-mentioned facts, the Central Government should consider our demand for upgrading Sambalpur University to a Central University. Thank you.

Exploitation of Indian Girls by N.R.I. grooms

श्रीमती गुरचरण कौर (पंजाब) : उपसभापति महोदया, मैं आपके माध्यम से सदन का ध्यान भारतीय मजदूर लड़कियों के दुःखद जीवन की ओर दिलाना चाहती हूँ। भारतीय मूल के विदेशी दूल्हे भारत में शादी करके चले जाते हैं और लड़कियों के मां-बाप विदेश जाने के लालच में अपना घरबार, ज़मीन-जायदाद बेचकर उन दानव दूल्हों को खुश करते हैं ताकि बेटियाँ खुश