Mr Speaker, I rise to associate myself with the Statement ably made by the Hon Member for Nsawam Adoagyiri.

Mr Speaker, the issue of the Scholarships Secretariat and the fact that it is centered in Accra denies the people who are in the villages access to it.

Mr Speaker, some kind of telepathy to this matter — Just this morning, I received a request for educational support from a constituent. This young man read science and made eight straight ‘A’s.

It was reported in the news that he came as the top candidate in the West African Secondary School Certificate Examination (WASSCE). He applied to the University of Ghana to read medicine after he had passed all the science courses.

Surprisingly, he was not accepted, even though he came out as the top candidate at the West African level. I believe it is a confirmation of the cronyism matter that the Hon Member who made the Statement alluded to.

That is why a poor boy from Gomoa Mankoadze, having succeeded in coming up as the top candidate in the West African Examinations Council (WAEC) examination, failed to secure a place in the medical school. They are here asking for educational support, because they do not even know about the existence of the Scholarships Secretariat.

Mr Speaker, I believe that the existence of the Scholarships Secretariat must be made known, and they must have offices in the various districts so that needy but very brilliant students, who ordinarily may not get the chance to move up the academic ladder, can have access and also get to the height that their potentials would get them to.

Mr Speaker, in supporting my Hon Friend in this Statement, I also make a call, that we introduce a Bill to set the Scholarships Secretariat up as a body devoid of all partisan considerations, so that the real needy and poor but brilliant students can have access and get to their potential.

Let me congratulate my brother for a wonderful Statement.

Mr Speaker, I am grateful.