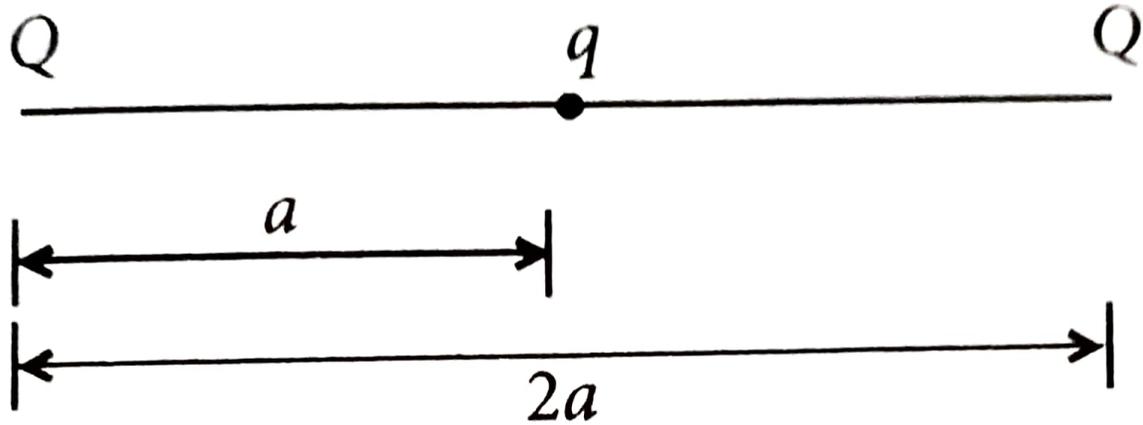


For equilibrium, total potential energy = zero



$$\therefore \frac{kQq}{a} + \frac{kQq}{a} + \frac{kQ^2}{2a} = 0$$

$$q + q + \frac{Q}{2} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad q = -\frac{Q}{4}.$$