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**The House met at eleven of the clock,
MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair**

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we shall take up the Papers to be laid on the Table.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

DR. JITENDRA SINGH: Sir, I lay on the Table, under sub-section (1) (b) of Section 394 of the Companies Act, 2013, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

- (a) Forty-ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL), Singhbhum, Jharkhand, for the year 2015-16, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.
- (b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

श्री प्रकाश जावडेकर : महोदय, मैं निम्नलिखित पत्र सभा पटल पर रखता हूँ :-

I.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (4) of Section 29 of the University of Hyderabad Act, 1974:—

- (a) Forty-first Annual Report of the University of Hyderabad,

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Hyderabad, for the year 2015-16.

(b) Annual Accounts of the University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon.

(c) Review by the Government on the working of the above University.

(2) Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

II.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (3) of Section 30 and sub-section (4) of Section 31 of the Central Universities Act, 2009:—

(i) (a) Annual Report of the Central University of South Bihar, Patna, for the year 2015-16.

(b) Annual Accounts of the Central University of South Bihar, Patna, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon.

(c) Review by Government on the working of the above University.

(ii) (a) Annual Report of the Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, for the year 2015-16.

(b) Annual Accounts of the Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon.

(c) Review by Government on the working of the above Vishwavidyalaya.

(2) Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the

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delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

III.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (3) of Section 30 and under sub-section (4) of Section 31 of the Assam University Act, 1989:—

- (a) Twenty-third Annual Report of the Assam University, Silchar, for the year 2015-16.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the Assam University, Silchar, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Review by Government on the working of the above University.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

IV.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (3) of Section 32 and sub-section (4) of Section 33 of the English and Foreign Languages University Act, 2006:—

- (a) Annual Report of the English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Hyderabad, for the year 2015-16.
- (b) Annual Accounts of the English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Hyderabad, for the year 2015-16, and the Audit Report thereon.
- (c) Review by Government on the working of the above University.

(2) Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

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**ALLOCATION OF TIME FOR DISPOSAL OF GOVERNMENT
LEGISLATIVE AND OTHER BUSINESS**

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I have to inform that the Business Advisory Committee in its meeting held on the 31st of January 2017 has allotted time for Government Business which is as follows:-

BUSINESS	TIME ALLOTTED
1. Discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address.	Twelve hours
2. General discussion on the Union Budget, 2017-18.	Sixteen hours

(Ends)

SHRI ANANDA BHASKAR RAPOLU: Sir, I have to make a point of observation.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What is your point?

SHRI ANANDA BHASKAR RAPOLU: Respected Mr. Deputy Chairman, the privileges of the Members include respect to former Members. And passing away of any former Member will have an emotional attachment with the House. Shri Puttapaga Radhakrishna, who was a Member of this House, passed away in the second week of January. So far, the House has not taken note of his passing away and no condolence has been observed. In this regard, I seek...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, no. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI ANANDA BHASKAR RAPOLU: Let the system from Police to Revenue communicate to you within 48 hours of passing away of a Member...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, no. ...(Interruptions).... It will be taken note of. ...(Interruptions).... If it has not been brought to the notice of the Secretariat...(Interruptions).... It must have missed...(Interruptions).... Since you have brought it to the notice...(Interruptions).... it is taken care of...(Interruptions)....

SHRI ANANDA BHASKAR RAPOLU: For this, an administrative mechanism has to be adopted for the country.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay. Sit down. ...(Interruptions)... Your suggestion is noted. ...(Interruptions)... Your suggestion is noted. Sit down.

SHRI ANANDA BHASKAR RAPOLU: Thank you, Sir.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We will take note of that. Shri Derek O'Brien.

SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Sir, it was our concern when the debate on demonetisation was happening between the 16th of November...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Is this about your notice under Rule 267?

SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Yes, Sir. Between the 16th of November and the 16th of December, the entire Opposition, consisting of 15-16 political parties, was meeting every day and there was a joint effort to highlight the pain caused by demonetization. There were deaths caused. As of now, 135 people have died. There were other very serious issues relating to the economy and the people were suffering. Sir, there were 15 Opposition Parties. If you check the record of the Rajya Sabha, on the 24th of November at 2.40 p.m., it was mentioned in the speech that we can oppose demonetization in a democratic way because we have different views. The Opposition had different view and the Government had a

different view. At that time, we said that because we are opposing demonetization, that cannot be made an excuse to send your agencies after us to scare us. Sir, we mentioned this on 24th of November that political vendetta cannot be used against the Opposition. And exactly what we feared had happened. On 24th of November, we said, “Don’t do political vendetta, because we are opposing you.” The Leader of the Trinamool Congress in the Lok Sabha with 46 MPs was called and arrested on 3rd of December. ...(Interruptions)... Sir, within one month of speaking, this is happening. Today, it has happened to the Trinamool Congress. Tomorrow, it can happen to any Member of any of the 15 Opposition Parties. ...(Interruptions)... This is a very serious issue. ...(Interruptions)... Sir, this is a very serious issue. ...(Interruptions)... Sir, we can have political differences. There is no problem with political differences. But we flagged this on the 24th of November. Ms. Mamata Banerjee was the first person to flag it just one and a half hours after the announcement was made by the hon. Prime Minister on the 8th of November.

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SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN (CONTD.): Not only Trinamool Congress, all Opposition parties were united on this. Why is this political vendetta happening? What are we coming to, Sir?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: No, no. Sir, it is not about okay. ...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You have made your point.

SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Sir, please. ...(Interruptions).. One minute, please. ...(Interruptions)... Sir, I will make a request. There are two notices today. ...(Interruptions)... 135 people have died. There is not even a word from this Government, not even one word. When we said that, the hon. Prime Minister was sitting there, the Leader of the House was sitting there, and we made it very clear that please do not do political vendetta. The more you do political vendetta, the more we will firm our resolve to fight you on demonetisation.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay. Derekji, please sit down. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Sir...(Interruptions)...

श्री उपसभापति : आप बैठिए। ..(व्यवधान).. You sit down. ...(Interruptions)...
आप बैठ जाइए, I have not permitted you. You sit down. I have not allowed
you. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Sir, the hon. Member from Odisha wants to speak.
Let him speak. ...(Interruptions)... He is on the same issue.
...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, no. I have not allowed him on the same
issue. ...(Interruptions)... Listen, I allowed you only. ...(Interruptions)... Let
me make it clear. I allowed you because you have given notice under Rule
267. I have not admitted that notice. I have only allowed you to speak about
your notice so that I can take a decision whether to admit it or not.
...(Interruptions)... No, no. I have not allowed you to move it. You can move
it only if I allow it. ...(Interruptions)... Let me complete. Have you said all
that you had to say on this? ...(Interruptions)... I have to take a decision.

SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Sir, I only have to say one more thing.
...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will allow you after this. ...(Interruptions)... No,
no. Only he can speak. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Sir, I am yielding. ...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You are yielding, but I am not allowing.
...(Interruptions)..

SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Sir, let me read the motion. ...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, no. I have not allowed. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Let me read the motion.

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुख्तार अब्बास नकवी) : सर, स्कैम या करप्शन के मामले में अगर कोई इन्वॉल्व है तो उसमें सरकार कहां से बीच में आ गई? यह तो कोर्ट का फैसला है, सरकार का क्या मामला है? ..(व्यवधान).. अगर कोई दूसरा मामला होगा तो उस पर चर्चा हो सकती है। ..(व्यवधान)..

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have not allowed you. Please sit down.
...(Interruptions)... What are you doing? ...(Interruptions)... Naqviji, sit down. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: *

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, no. I have not allowed this. It will not go on record. ...(Interruptions)... I have not allowed. ...(Interruptions)... I have not allowed you to move the motion. ...(Interruptions)...

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SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Sir, in protest against witch-hunting indulged by the Government, we are staging a walkout. ...(Interruptions)...

(At this stage, some Hon. Members left the Chamber)

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is over. ...(Interruptions)... No, no. That's over. ...(Interruptions)... I have not allowed it. ...(Interruptions)...

श्री मुख्तार अब्बास नकवी : अगर मैं जवाब नहीं दूंगा तो देश में गलत मैसेज जाएगा। करप्शन और स्कैम के मामले में कोर्ट का निर्णय है, सरकार का निर्णय नहीं है और करप्शन और स्कैम के मामले में पूरा देश ज़ीरो टॉलरेंस नीति के तहत काम कर रहा है। जो भी करप्शन, स्कैम या चिट फंड के मामले में दोषी हैं, कानून अपना काम करेगा। इसमें सरकार का या पोलिटिकल वैंडेटा कहां से आ जाता है?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay. Now, Zero Hour submissions. Shri A.K. Selvaraj.

MATTERS RAISED WITH PERMISSION OF CHAIR

ALLEGED ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTION OF CHECK DAMS ACROSS RIVER BAVANI BY GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ (TAMIL NADU): Respected Sir, I wish to raise a matter of illegal and unauthorized construction of six check dams by Kerala

Government across River Bhavani. River Bhavani is a major tributary of River Cauvery. Our hon. Chief Minister, Thiru O. Panneerselvam, had taken up this issue with the hon. Prime Minister through a communication dated 24.01.2017 and urged the Union Government to intervene and stop the construction activities of check dams by Kerala Government.

Sir, the construction work of check dams is going on across River Bhavani at Thekkuvattai and ground works are at full swing at Manjikandi and Padavayal areas which will affect the natural flow of River Bhavani to Tamil Nadu.

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SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ (CONTD.): The States of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka have filed Special Leave Petitions before the hon. Supreme Court against the order of the Tribunal. The case is fixed for hearing on 7.2.2017. Further, Cauvery Management Board has not yet been constituted by the Union Government for the effective implementation of the final order of the Cauvery Tribunal. Therefore, the entire matter is *sub judice* before the hon. Supreme Court.

The Kerala Government has not informed the Tamil Nadu Government about the details of the schemes and has not even obtained prior concurrence of the Government of Tamil Nadu, violating the final order of the Tribunal before construction. This is against the Order of the Cauvery Tribunal.

Sir, several lakhs of people along River Bhavani in major districts like Coimbatore, Tirupur, Erode and other districts, who are entirely dependent for drinking water and irrigation on Rivers Bhavani and Cauvery, are affected.

Therefore, I urge upon the Union Government to direct the Kerala Government to stop immediately the illegal and unauthorized construction activities of six check dams across Rivers Bhavani at Thekkuvattai, Manjikandi, Padavayal, etc. Thank you, Sir.

(Ends)

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.

SHRI A. NAVANEETHAKRISHNAN: Do no construct the dams across River Bhavani.(Interruptions)...

SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Sir, the Tamil Nadu Government.....(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Are you associating or opposing? ... (Interruptions)... Okay. You are all supporting! ... (Interruptions)... Okay. All the names, who support, will be included. They may be added. ... (Interruptions)... Yes. आप सबका नाम लिस्ट में आएगा। ... (व्यवधान)... Okay. All right. ... (Interruptions)...

SHRI A. NAVANEETHAKRISHNAN (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

DR. R. LAKSHMANAN (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI T. RATHINAVEL (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI T.K.S. ELANGO VAN (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI R.S. BHARATHI (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Sir, I want to raise a point. ...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes; Mr. C.P. Narayanan also supports! ...(Interruptions)... No? ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Sir, there is an agreement to share the Cauvery water. ...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Are you opposing or supporting? ...(Interruptions)... No? ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: There is an agreement to share the Cauvery water. ...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: First, you say, whether you support or oppose. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Sir, there is an agreement to share the Cauvery water. ...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, no. ...(Interruptions)... There is no provision to oppose. ...(Interruptions)... You can only associate.

...(Interruptions)... Sit down. ...(Interruptions)... No, no.
...(Interruptions)... You can only associate. ...(Interruptions)... Sit
down. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: You can take 8 MLD of water.
...(Interruptions)... We are taking only that. ...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: See, in the Zero Hour, you can only associate.
...(Interruptions)... There is no provision to oppose. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: When there is a misrepresentation of facts
...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You give another notice. ...(Interruptions)...
Otherwise, your name will be written as associating. Sit down. Give
another notice. ...(Interruptions)... Okay, okay. Sit down.
...(Interruptions)...

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I too associate myself with the
matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I too associate myself with
the matter raised by the hon. Member.

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MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, Shri Tiruchi Siva is also associating. Shrimati Kanimozhi is also associating. ...(Interruptions)... Are you associating? ...(Interruptions)...

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Sir, we too associate ourselves with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: All right. I have no problem. Now, Shrimati Kanimozhi. ...(Interruptions)...

श्री ला. गणेशन (मध्य प्रदेश) : उपसभापति महोदय, मैं भी इस विषय के साथ एसोसिएट करता हूँ ...(व्यवधान)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please include his name also. ...(Interruptions)... Yes. ...(Interruptions)... Do you also want to be included? ...(Interruptions)... Now, Shrimati Kanimozhi.

(Ends)

**SERIOUS THREAT TO ENVIRONMENT, MARINE LIFE AND
LIVELIHOOD OF FISHERMEN DUE TO OIL SPILL
NEAR CHENNAI KAMARAJAR PORT**

SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I would like to bring to the notice of this House about an oil spill which has happened near Kamarajar

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Port in North Chennai on the 29th January, 2017. On the 29th of January, after the spill, the Port Authority had given a press release saying that there is no damage to the environment like oil pollution and no casualty or injury to the people. On the 31st January, there was another press release by the Port Authority saying that the Chennai Port has taken up measures for cleaning of oil spillage on the aftermath of two vessels which collided near the Kamarajar Port. This was three days back.

So, I would like to bring to the notice of this House that different organisations of the Government are not coming together when a damage like this happens. There are reports which indicate that around 35 kilometres of the Chennai Coastline has been polluted and marine life organisms, including turtles and fish, have died and the ecosystem has been irreparably damaged. The livelihood of fishermen and their health and safety are of concern. There is a confusion whether the Coast Guard or the Kamarajar Port Authority should lead the cleaning operation. Initially, the Coast Guard used two submersible pipes to remove the oil. At some point, the workers of the Port and locals were scooping out oil using buckets. There is a clear lack of coordination between the Coast Guard, Kamarajar Port Authorities and the Fishing Ministry. (Contd. by RL/1D)

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SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI (CONTD.): We don't have enough trained personnel to manage situations like this. In the 2013 Coast Guard Report, it was said, "There is a lack of preparedness on the part of the port officials because they cannot respond to the Tier 1 and Tier 2 situations. There are only 10 people who are trained." The news reports have also shown that lack of trained personnel and specialized equipments have slowed down the efforts. Citizens, local fishermen and volunteers are trying to help in the situation which demands an urgent intervention by the Union Government. The Coast Guards who are overseeing the cleanup work were saying that the oil spill is limited to 1500 metres and initially they said that it was just one tonne of oil but now environmentalists are saying that it is no less than 20 tonnes at least.

I would also like to bring to the notice that this is actually the time of nesting by the Olive Ridley Turtles, that is, from December to May.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Time is over.

SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Sir, I started a little late.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Time is over. What can I do?

SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Sir, I started a little late.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay; all right. No, it will not go on record then. ... (Interruptions)... It will not go on record because that is the rule. What do I do? That is the rule. All those who associate, their names should be added.

SHRI D. RAJA (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

श्री नीरज शेखर (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदय, मैं भी इस विषय से अपने आपको सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE (WEST BENGAL): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

श्रीमती कहकशां परवीन (बिहार) : महोदय, मैं भी इस विषय के साथ स्वयं को सम्बद्ध करती हूँ।

डा० अनिल कुमार साहनी (बिहार) : महोदय, मैं भी इस विषय के साथ स्वयं को सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

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CONCERN OVER SUICIDE BY STUDENTS TAKING COACHING CLASSES IN KOTA, RAJASTHAN.

श्रीमती विप्लव ठाकुर (हिमाचल प्रदेश) : माननीय उपसभापति जी, आज मैं इस सदन में बहुत ही महत्वपूर्ण विषय उठाने जा रही हूँ। यह विद्यार्थियों के जीवन का सवाल है।

यहां भारत में जो कोचिंग सेंटर चल रहे हैं विशेषकर कोटा, राजस्थान में, जहां पर एमबीबीएस के विद्यार्थियों के लिए, आईआईएम के लिए, एमबीए के लिए और कम्प्यूटर साइंस वगैरह के लिए कोचिंग सेंटर चलाए जा रहे हैं। इन सेंटर्स द्वारा बच्चों के ऊपर इतना स्ट्रेस डाला जा रहा है कि उनके जो इनीशिएटिव हैं, उनको खत्म किया जा रहा है। आगे बढ़ने के लिए, फर्स्ट क्लास डिविजन लेने के लिए, distinction लेने के लिए उनके ऊपर इतना भार डाला जा रहा है कि जो बच्चे हैं उनके पेरेंट्स भी उसमें उन इंस्टीट्यूशंस का, कोचिंग सेंटर्स का साथ देते हैं जिससे कि बच्चे आत्महत्या करने के लिए मजबूर हो रहे हैं। आज 18-18 साल का बच्चा, 19-19 साल का बच्चा जिसने जिंदगी में कुछ नहीं देखा है, जिसको एक ही ऑब्जेक्ट दिया जा रहा है कि तुमको पढ़ना है, नम्बर लाने हैं और कोचिंग लेकर इन इंस्टीट्यूशंस में जाना है, जहां की परसेंटेज 99 परसेंट जा रही है, 90 परसेंट जा रही है, तो मुझे समझ नहीं आता कि वह कैसे हो रही है? हमारे बच्चे उस ambition के लिए चाहे वह पेरेंट्स की ambition है, चाहे वह उन कोचिंग सेंटर्स की ambition है, उनके ऊपर इतना भार डाल दिया जाता है कि वे अंडर स्ट्रेस suicide commit कर रहे हैं। कोटा में विशेषकर न्यूजपेपर में आया है कि लगभग 100 बच्चों ने suicide commit की है। तो मैं यह कहना चाहूंगी कि शिक्षा मंत्री जी को इसके बारे में गौर करना चाहिए। हमें अपनी शिक्षा का जो स्तर है, वह बदलना पड़ेगा। ठीक है, आज कम्पीटीटिव ज़माना है, आज कम्पीटीशन में ही आगे बढ़ा जा सकता है, लेकिन उसको इतना महत्व नहीं देना चाहिए कि हमारे जो भोले-भाले बच्चे हैं, जिनको जिंदगी में अभी आगे बढ़ना है, कुछ देखना है, उनको मरने

के लिए कम्पेल किया जा सके, उनके मन पर इतना भार पड़े। लेकिन वे बच्चे सोचते हैं कि अगर हमने नम्बर नहीं लिए तो हम कहां जाएंगे, हमारे मां-बाप क्या कहेंगे, हमारे जो कोचिंग सेंटर के लेक्चरर्स हैं, प्रोफेसर्स हैं, वे क्या कहेंगे? तो वे उसी चिंता में आकर आत्महत्या कर लेते हैं। तो मैं यह कहना चाहूंगी तथा सदन का इस ओर ध्यान दिलाना चाहती हूँ कि हमें इसके ऊपर गौर करना है, इसके लिए कुछ ऐसा कानून बनाया जाना चाहिए, जिससे कोचिंग सेंटर्स के बारे में रिव्यू होना चाहिए, उनके ऊपर एक तरह की इंक्वायरी होनी चाहिए कि वे किस तरह के कोर्सेज़ देते हैं, कितने-कितने घंटे बच्चों को पढ़ाते हैं, उनकी एक्टिविटीज़ को रोक देते हैं.....(व्यवधान).... इसलिए मैं चाहूंगी कि.....(व्यवधान)

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA (WEST BENGAL): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

श्री हरिवंश (बिहार) : महोदय, मैं भी इस विषय से अपने आपको सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

श्रीमती कहकशां परवीन (बिहार) : महोदय, मैं भी इस विषय के साथ स्वयं को सम्बद्ध करती हूँ।

श्रीमती रजनी पाटिल (महाराष्ट्र) : महोदय, मैं भी इस विषय के साथ स्वयं को सम्बद्ध करती हूँ।

डा० अनिल कुमार साहनी (बिहार) : महोदय, मैं भी इस विषय के साथ स्वयं को सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

SHRI ANANDA BHASKAR RAPOLU (TELANGANA): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY (GUJARAT): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE (WEST BENGAL): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI MAJEED MEMON (MAHARASHTRA): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA (UTTARAKHAND): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM (MEGHALAYA): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA (KARNATAKA): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

(Followed by DC/1E)

DC-SC/11.20/1E

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The hon. HRD Minister is not here but Venkaiah Naiduji is here. It is a matter of very serious concern. The parents put a lot of psychological stress on the children and then the children are being sent into such institutions. The students cannot bear the stress and they commit suicide. I think the Government should look into it and do something about it.

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): Sir, these coaching centres are spread across the country. ...(Interruptions)... Such incidents have been reported in the media also. About the concerns expressed by the hon. Member, I will convey it to the HRD Minister and ask him to do the needful.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, please. That is very important. Thank you very much. Okay, the Government will take action on this. Now, Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya.

(Ends)

SITUATION OF SEVERE DROUGHT IN SOUTHERN STATES

SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA (TRIPURA): Sir, my Zero Hour

submission is regarding the situation faced by Southern States of India. The South Indian States of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, parts of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Union Territory of Puducherry are facing severe drought. Tamil Nadu is facing a serious drought situation ever known in the history of the State. Excepting Chennai metro city, the whole of Tamil Nadu is in the grip of worst drought. Both the Monsoons, South-West and North-East, failed to the deficit extent of more than 62 per cent rainfall. Lakhs and lakhs of acres of cultivable lands remain fallow due to scarcity of water. Crops, which were cultivated on lands with the limited water, had withered. Paddy, groundnut, cotton, corn, sugarcane, banana including other crops withered in a few lakh acres.

Sir, Kerala is experiencing a historic low rainfall with the South-West Monsoon season, June to September, 2016, reporting 34 per cent below normal rainfall and the North-East Monsoon season, October to December, 2016, reporting 61 per cent below normal. The State Government of Kerala declared the entire State as drought-affected in the month of October. In Kerala, the overall storage has depleted to 47 per cent, while 90 per cent was expected. Ground water depletion is reported even from water rich

segments. Karnataka received 20 per cent below normal South-West Monsoon rainfall and 62 per cent below normal North-East Monsoon rainfall.

Sir, the Kerala and Karnataka Governments have already declared their States as drought-affected States. The Government of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and the Government of Union Territory of Puducherry should immediately declare their States as drought-affected. ... (Interruptions) ...

SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: They have already declared. ... (Interruptions) ... They have already declared. ... (Interruptions) ... It is already declared as a drought-prone State. ... (Interruptions) ...

SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: The Government of India should immediately release the amount of additional assistance requested by the respective States from the National Disaster Response Fund relaxing the norms of additional assistance. ... (Interruptions) ...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: She is supporting you. ... (Interruptions) ... You should appreciate her. ... (Interruptions) ...

SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Considering the unprecedented crisis

and the deficit of rainfall in two seasons, all farmers should be provided twice the amount of approved rates of assistance under the National Disaster Response Fund. Special Assistance Package for agricultural and animal husbandry sectors should be declared. ...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Jharna Das Baidyaji, time is over. ...(Interruptions)... Time is over.

(Ends)

SHRI ANANDA BHASKAR RAPOLU (TELANGANA): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE (WEST BENGAL): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN (KERALA): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD (KARNATAKA): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

श्रीमती कहकशां परवीन (बिहार) : महोदय, मैं भी माननीय सदस्य के वक्तव्य से स्वयं को संबद्ध करती हूँ।

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Baidyaji, my dear sister, please. Your time was over. ...(Interruptions)... She should be appreciated. She is from the North-East but she raised the issue of Southern States. So you should all support her. Now, Shri T.K. Rangarajan.

(Followed by KR/1F)

KR/GS/1F/11.30

DROUGHT SITUATION IN TAMIL NADU

SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN (TAMIL NADU): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I would like to bring to the attention of the House regarding severe drought situation in Tamil Nadu which has caused total crop failure in the entire Tamil Nadu. This has resulted in about 200 farmers losing their lives either due to heart attacks or by committing suicides.

The State has recorded an average rainfall as 59 per cent with a deficit of 41 per cent, which is the lowest in the last 140 years. Thanjavur and Nagapattinam districts which are considered granaries of Tamil Nadu received only 20 per cent rainfall. There is no rainfall, there is no Cauvery water and there is no ground water also. With samba and kuruvai crops

failing, this is the worst situation for the farmers which they have never faced in the past 65 years.

Many farmers in their anxiety have somehow earned a living by taking loans at very high interest rate; and many of them have pledged their jewellery. With this amount, some farmers started deepening their wells. Some have purchased fertilizers, etc., but the entire investment has gone waste. Added to their misery is the demonetization whereby they could not pay daily wages to the farm workers.

While the Tamil Nadu Government has declared all the 32 districts as drought hit, the compensation declared by them is inadequate. In this grim situation the Centre has to come forward to help the State with adequate compensation with a special financial package.

Therefore, I request the Central Government to immediately release substantial amount to the Government of Tamil Nadu so that they can pay compensation to the affected farming community. Thank you.

(Ends)

SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I associate myself with the issue raised by my hon. friend.

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by my hon. friend.

SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

(Ends)

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Vivek Gupta, not present. Next, Shri Vijayasai Reddy.

**DEMAND FOR JUSTICE TO CARGO HANDLING PRIVATE POOL
WORKERS AT VISAKHAPATNAM PORT**

SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY (ANDHRA PRADESH): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, with your permission, I would like to bring to the notice of the Government the apathy towards the private pool workers engaged by the Visakhapatnam Dock Labour Board; and the manner in which their lives have been ruined by the concerned authorities, by the Ministry of Shipping, by the Dock Labour Board and the Visakhapatnam Port Trust is very unfortunate.

Sir, in 1985, the import of coal had gone up by leaps and bounds, and the Dock Labour Board had some permanent employees, and the number of permanent employees was inadequate to meet the requirements.

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Therefore, the Dock Labour Board, Visakhapatnam has decided with the concurrence of the Ministry of Shipping to engage private workers to handle the unloading requirement at the Visakhapatnam Port Trust. The total number of temporary workers engaged, at that time, were 1000. In 1985 the number of temporary employees had gone up to 1000, it was decided to form an Association with an understanding between the Union and the Stevedores Association and with the consent of the Ministry of Shipping, namely, Private Pool Workers Employees Union.

Sir, in 1994, an agreement also had been executed between the Union and the Association. In 2002, some of the members of the Stevedores Association have formed a Trust. Here the crux of the problem lies. From the wages of the private pool workers, the Visakhapatnam Dock Labour Board used to make some deduction under the guise of taking welfare of the temporary employees. In 2002, the Visakhapatnam Dock Labour Board, in consultation with the Ministry of Shipping, had decided that Dock Labour Board had got nothing to do with the private employees who have been engaged and they have to be entrusted to the Trust that had been formed by the Stevedores Association. Sir, here the problem has started. After forming the Trust and which is managed by the Stevedores Association..

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Time is over.

(Followed by 1G/RSS)

HMS/RSS/1G/11.30

SHRI ANANDA BHASKAR RAPOLU (TELANGANA): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member, Shri V.Vijayasai Reddy.

SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN (WEST BENGAL): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member, Shri V.Vijayasai Reddy. Sir, not only in this port, but in other ports also, this is a chronic problem being faced by the contract and casual workers. Their blood is being sucked, but the operation is continuing. So, the Government must seriously intervene on the basis of principle of same wage for same work on which the Supreme Court has given a judgment.

(Ends)

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay; thank you. Now, Smt. Rajani Patil... (Interruptions)... Vijayasai Reddyji, it is not going on record. Then, what is the point? Whatever you said, is already on record. You have said it well and the Government has also noted it.

SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: I request the Government of India to do the needful.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That is okay; that is fine. You have already said it. It is there. Now, Smt. Rajani Patil.

**ALLEGED LATHI CHARGE BY DELHI POLICE ON MARATHI YOUTH
DEMANDING RESERVATION IN RAILWAYS**

श्रीमती रजनी पाटिल (महाराष्ट्र) सर, मैं आपके माध्यम से रेलवे में apprentice के तौर पर काम करने वाले दो हजार से ढाई हजार बच्चों पर कल हुए लाठीचार्ज और अन्याय को उजागर करने की कोशिश करूंगी।

सर, परसों राष्ट्रपति जी का अभिभाषण हुआ और हर साल 50 लाख कौशल रोजगार निर्मित करने का अभिवचन दिया गया, लेकिन जमीनी हकीकत यह है कि रेलवे में काम करने वाले बच्चों, जिन्हें apprenticeship का प्रशिक्षण दिया गया है, उन्हें भी नौकरी से हटा दिया गया है और जब वे इस अन्याय को दूर करने के लिए रेल मंत्री जी श्री सुरेश प्रभु से निवेदन करने के लिए गए, तो उन बच्चों पर लाठीचार्ज कर के इस सरकार ने अपनी नाकामयाबी का प्रदर्शन किया है।

सर, यूपीए के कार्यकाल में पूरे देश में कौशल रोजगार विकास कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत बच्चों को apprentice का प्रशिक्षण दिया गया था और इन बच्चों को रेलवे में भर्ती किया जाता था। ये बच्चे, चाहे पंजाब के हों या गुजरात और महाराष्ट्र के हों, ऐसे सभी बच्चों को रेलवे की नौकरी में शामिल किया जाता था, लेकिन वर्ष 2013 में जब मोदी जी की सरकार कार्यरत हुई तो रेलवे में ये भर्ती बंद कर दी गयी और इस कारण

वेस्टर्न रेलवे, जहां पर सब से ज्यादा महाराष्ट्र के दो से ढाई हजार बच्चे हैं और बाकी यू0पी0/पंजाब के बच्चे हैं, उनको skilled होते हुए भी बेरोजगारी का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। सर, ये बच्चे जब रेल मंत्री श्री सुरेश प्रभु जी को निवेदन करने गए, तो हमने जी टीवी, मराठी पर देखा कि लड़कियों पर भी लाठीचार्ज किया गया। महोदय, इतना ही नहीं, प्रधान मंत्री जी के गांव का एक लड़का जोकि apprentice बना है, उसके ऊपर भी लाठीचार्ज किया गया। सर, नोटबंदी के कारण वैसे भी हजारों लोग बेरोजगार हो गए हैं। एक तरफ सरकार बात करती है कि 2 करोड़ बेरोजगारों को रोजगार दिया जाएगा, लेकिन जो प्रशिक्षित और skilled बच्चे हैं, उनसे भी अगर नौकरी का हक छीन लिया गया, तो यह उनके साथ अन्याय है।

सर, मैं आपके माध्यम से रेल मंत्री श्री सुरेश प्रभु से निवेदन करना चाहूंगी और कौशल विकास मंत्री श्री राजीव प्रताप रूडी और साथ ही गृह मंत्री जी से निवेदन करना चाहूंगी कि वे इन बच्चों को न्याय दिलाने की कोशिश करें। (समाप्त)

श्रीमती झरना दास बैद्य (त्रिपुरा) : महोदय, मैं श्रीमती पाटिल द्वारा उठाए गए विषय से अपने आपको सम्बद्ध करती हूँ।

श्रीमती विप्लव ठाकुर (हिमाचल प्रदेश) : महोदय, मैं भी इस विषय से अपने आपको सम्बद्ध करती हूँ।

श्रीमती छाया वर्मा (छत्तीसगढ़) : महोदय, मैं भी इस विषय से अपने आपको सम्बद्ध करती हूँ।

श्री महेन्द्र सिंह माहरा (उत्तराखंड) : महोदय, मैं भी इस विषय से अपने आपको सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

श्रीमती कहकशां परवीन (बिहार) : महोदय, मैं भी इस विषय से अपने आपको सम्बद्ध करती हूँ।

श्री प्रेम चन्द गुप्ता (झारखंड) : महोदय, मैं भी इस विषय से अपने आपको सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

SHRI ANANDA BHASKAR RAPOLU (TELANGANA): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member, Shrimati Rajani Patil.

SHRI D. RAJA (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member, Shrimati Rajani Patil.

(Ends)

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, Shri C.P. Narayanan.

SERIOUS SITUATION OF RATION DISTRIBUTION IN KERALA

SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN (KERALA): Sir, I want to bring to the notice of the House a very difficult situation that is faced by the Kerala people because Kerala is deficient in the production of foodgrains because we are traditionally concentrating on horticultural crops. Even the previous Central Governments used to help us by making available foodgrains for distribution

among the people, and in 1960, statutory rationing was introduced in the State of Kerala, and then, we used to get more than 20 lakh tonnes of foodgrains per month for distribution. Later, when the Food Security Act was introduced, it was reduced to 16.4 lakh tonnes. Now, it has been reduced by another 2 lakh tonnes.

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SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN (contd.): We are getting only 14.4 lakh tonnes. This is not sufficient for distribution of per head availability of five kg. per month. Because of this, in the public market, the price of rice has gone up to more than Rs.40 to 45 per kg. Our Chief Minister and the concerned Minister of Civil Supplies had represented to...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Ministers should listen, please. This is the Kerala problem. Every problem should be listened to. Now you are talking!

SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: They had represented to the Prime Minister and the concerned Minister to make available the necessary quantity of grains so that there can be price stability in the open market as also all those who are considered below poverty-line can be given at least five kg. of food grains per month. This is not being made available. Because of that, all

sections of the people, particularly the BPL sections, are up in arms. So, I request to the Government to immediately make available two more lakh tonnes of food grains to the State, every month. Thank you.

(Ends)

SHRI A.K. ANTONY (KERALA): Sir, it is a very, very serious issue for Kerala. It is a pending issue. A Committee set up by the Government of India said that the Government of India should provide sufficient quantities of food grains to Kerala. Now, that promise is broken. I request the Government of India to take it seriously and find a solution to the representation made by the Kerala Government, for the Kerala people.

SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD (KERALA): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI D. RAJA (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI JOY ABRAHAM (KERALA): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

श्री उपसभापति : यह खाने की प्रॉब्लम है।

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR):

Sir, it is a very important issue, raised by our friends from Kerala in this

august House. The distribution under PDS in adequate measures is an important issue. I will bring this to the notice of the hon. Minister of Public Distribution and will see to it that Kerala gets adequate quantity.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Minister for the prompt reaction.

SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Thank you, Sir.

(Ends)

COUNTRY-WIDE STRIKE ON 3RD FEBRUARY BY MEDICAL AND SALES REPRESENTATIVES

SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN (WEST BENGAL): Sir, I am fortunate that the hon. Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers is present here. My issue partially refers to his Ministry as well. About a lakh medical and sales representatives of the country are going on strike tomorrow, the 3rd February. Their demand is two-fold. Firstly, capping the medicine price based on its cost plus reasonable return and to make the medicines affordable to the people, as the Union Finance Minister yesterday also repeated in his Budget Speech. In the name of regulation, for affordability, don't leave the medicine price to be determined by the market. It must be based on cost plus reasonable return.

On that basis, the medicine price should be fixed. That is the first demand of the striking one lakh medical and sales representatives.

Secondly, the tax or excise duty burden on essential medicines must be made nil. Thirdly, the aggression of the multinational companies to monopolise the supply of essential medicines must be contained and controlled. Fourthly, they have been demanding since long that medical and sales representatives' service conditions be guided by the Sales Promotion Employees Act. But, unfortunately, after the enactment, no rules have been made to define the service conditions of the medical and sales representatives. They have been pursuing this since the last two years. A tripartite committee is in place. But, the committee is not doing anything. It is just sitting on the papers. They are not defining the service conditions. Their whole inspiration of doing so is to ensure the Ease of Doing Business for the pharma companies, leaving the entire medical and sales representatives to the anarchy of the employers.

(Contd. by KLS/1J)

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SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN (CONTD.): Now the 'medical and sales representatives' is an expanding horizon of employment in our country. In

production, not many jobs are there. So, in this expanding horizon the Labour Ministry should not remain so much unresponsive and insensitive by allowing the workers to be squeezed by their employers absolutely in an anarchic manner. So, this is also one of the major issues for which one lakh workers are going on strike tomorrow. I urge upon the hon. Minister who is sitting over here to take a call on the issue of medicine prices. He has made a statement in the matter of stents. I request him to intervene in this matter also. Thank you. (Ends)

SHRI ANANDA BHASKAR RAPOLU (TELANGANA): Sir, I associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA (TRIPURA): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY (GUJARAT): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: We also associate ourselves with the issue raised by Shri Sen.

(Ends)

SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Sir, I have a point of order.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Why a point of order now? ...(Interruptions)...

Okay.

SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Sir, my point of order relates to the Business transacted in this House.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You can raise when that Business is taken up. Now it is Zero Hour.

SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Sir, my point is this. Whatever matters are referred to here again and again-- I raised it in the last Session -- that यहाँ पर जो मुद्दे उठाए जाते हैं, उन मुद्दों का बाद में क्या होता है, nobody knows. What happens to the issues raised by the hon. Members? The Ministers simply listen to them and that is it.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, they should listen. ...(Interruptions)... That is their job. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Whatever we say it gets vanished. ...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, yes, everything cannot be acted upon. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: You have to find out a solution and a mechanism in the General Purposes Committee which can make them accountable that whatever matter is raised here is reported back here. ... (Interruptions)... Otherwise, there is no point in this. ... (Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay. ... (Interruptions)...

SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Such important issues are being raised. ... (Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You have made your point. Now sit down. ... (Interruptions)...

SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: We should not feel satisfied by saying that we have raised the matter in the House. That is it. ... (Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You have made your point. Action will be taken on the issues raised. Agreed! Now, sit down. ... (Interruptions)...

SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: It is not that we are just making a point. ... (Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is not a point of order, it is a suggestion. ... (Interruptions)... Mistryji, it is not a point of order. It is a suggestion and this suggestion is noted. Now Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth.

...(Interruptions)... Mr Minister, are you replying to it? ...(Interruptions)...

Okay. ...(Interruptions)... Minister is reacting to that. ...(Interruptions)...

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुख्तार अब्बास नक़वी) : उपसभापति जी, मधुसूदन मिस्त्री जी बहुत ही सीनियर लीडर हैं और उनको पार्लियामेंटरी सिस्टम, पार्लियामेंटरी नियमों के बारे में बहुत ज्यादा जानकारी है।

श्री उपसभापति : इसीलिए उन्होंने बोला है।

श्री मुख्तार अब्बास नक़वी : हाँ, इसीलिए उन्होंने कहा है। मैं आपके माध्यम से माननीय सदस्य को विश्वास दिलाना चाहता हूँ कि सरकार की तरफ से माननीय सदस्य को जो भी एश्योरेंस दिया जाता है, उस पर तत्काल कार्यवाही के लिए हमारे मंत्रालय की तरफ से काम शुरू होता है और उन माननीय सदस्य को भी उसकी जानकारी दी जाती है। अगर माननीय सदस्य के पास कोई स्पेसिफ़िक जानकारी है कि जिस मुद्दे को उन्होंने उठाया, उसके बारे में उनको उपयुक्त या सैटिस्फेक्टरी उत्तर नहीं मिला है, तब वे हमें बताएं, हम उस पर निश्चित तौर पर कार्यवाही करेंगे।

श्री मधुसूदन मिस्त्री : यह पर्सनल सवाल नहीं है। ..(व्यवधान)

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay. ...(Interruptions)... Now listen. ...(Interruptions)... That is all. ...(Interruptions)... If you still have any complaint, there is the Assurances Committee which you can approach. Sit down. ...(Interruptions)... If you are not satisfied, there is the Assurances

Committee of which you are also a Member, you can raise it there. Now sit down.

**DEMAND TO CONFER BHARAT RATNA ON DR. J. JAYALALITHA,
POSTHUMOUSLY AND TO INSTALL BRONZE STATUE IN PARLIAMENT
HOUSE COMPLEX**

SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH (TAMIL NADU): Mr. Deputy Chairman, I thank you very much for giving me this golden opportunity. We lost Amma of Tamil Nadu people. Ten crore people called her and now calling her as Amma. Amma cannot be replaced. She is a personification of love and compassion, a person of enduring fame, outstanding administrator, great orator, highly intelligent and well-read person, emotionally connected to people, worked endlessly till her last breath for the uplift of poor people, the great charismatic people's Chief Minister, iron lady of Tamil Nadu, Dr. Puratchi Thalaivi Amma brought all round development in our State, Tamil Nadu, especially the bold policies and steps which have been a great boon for all the needy people and have been a role model to many States to follow. 'I am by the people and I am solely for the people' was her strong conviction and she sacrificed her whole life for the uplift of women and poor.

(Contd by 1K/SSS)

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SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH (CONTD.): A leader of firm decision, her intelligence and governance cannot be compared to any other leader in this world. She was adored for her dynamic personality by the people of India. Her loss has caused an irreparable loss to the people of India, especially to all the loved ones of Amma. We see millions of people paying last respects to her with tears everyday at the place where her mortal remains are laid. Even her arch rivals said, 'We never ever wanted her to die.' This shows her greatness. We request that the highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna, be conferred posthumously on Amma to recognize her exemplary 32 years of public service. We urge upon the Centre to install her life-size bronze statue in the Parliament complex and also recommend her name for Nobel Prize for Women and Child Upliftment. As we have tasted her affection and kind words, those words are still afresh in my memory. A personification of complete motherhood, she introduced several welfare measures to eradicate hunger, like *Amma Unavagam* winning praise from the poor and daily labourers, free 20 kgs of rice for every household, women upliftment programmes such as The Cradle Baby Scheme to stop

female foeticide and gender-based abortions, Girl Child Protection Scheme, *Thalikku Thangam Thittam* which gives gold and family assistance, etc.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You have made your point. Please sit down.

SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Thank you, Sir.

(Ends)

SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth.

SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth.

SHRI T. RATHINAVEL (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth.

(Ends)

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We will now take up Special Mentions.

SPECIAL MENTIONS**DEMAND FOR GIVING PERMISSION TO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA (ASI) TO RESUME EXCAVATIONS AT KEELADI IN SIVAGANGA DISTRICT OF TAMIL NADU AND PROVIDE ADEQUATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN (TAMIL NADU): Sir, the excavations at Keeladi, a small village in Sivaganga district near Madurai in Tamil Nadu, have successfully brought out the evidence of urban settlement of a flourishing civilization. The civilisation dates back to third century BC and third century AD. Two years of excavations in 2015 and 2016, unearthed 1800 antiquities in first year and 4000 antiquities in second year.

The early historic remains in the form of elaborate brick structures, brick drains, paved brick floors associated with grooved roof tiles, terracotta ring wells and furnaces have been unearthed. The treasure trove include semi-precious stones and antiquities like iron implements, ivory dice and black and red ware and russet coated ware. More than 70 Tamil-Brahmi inscribed shreds have been discovered during the excavations.

It is noteworthy to point out in that the ongoing quarrying activities along Vaigai River pose major threat to these archaeologically significant

sites. Lack of funds and any undue delay in carrying out excavations at Keeladi may only end up missing a golden opportunity to unravel the history.

I, therefore, seek the intervention of hon. Minister of State for Culture and Tourism to instruct the Central Advisory Board of Archaeology of India to immediately permit ASI to resume excavations at Keeladi and provide necessary financial assistance to yield desirable result. I also request to establish a Site Museum on the premises to display all the items excavated over the past months, unravelling one of the oldest urban civilisations in South India.

(Ends)

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by Shri T. K. Rangarajan.

SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I also associate myself with the Special Mention made by Shri T. K. Rangarajan.

SHRI LA. GANESAN (MADHYA PRADESH) : ir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by Shri T. K. Rangarajan.

DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (NOMINATED) : Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by Shri T. K. Rangarajan on the ground that the excavation near Madurai, which is my home town, shows that it is a part of

Indian civilisation similar to the excavation of Mohenjo-daro and Harappa in Gujarat. It shows that we were one civilisation exposing the British bogus theory of being two civilisations.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, we are one civilisation. There is no doubt about it. Don't go by the British theory. Go by our own theory. We are one.

SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI (TAMIL NADU) : Sir, as stated and as pointed out, there is no on-site museum. So, most of the artefacts have been unearthed. Like, they unearthed one pot. They just left it there and went for lunch. By the time they came back, somebody had just thrown a stone on a pot which was made 2000 years ago and it was broken.

(Contd. by USY/1L)

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SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI (CONTD.): So, there is no security for the objects there. I think, an on-site museum is a necessity. ...(Interruptions)... Funds are not being allocated. Something has to be done about that.

(Ends)

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I think, the Government should take note of it. ...(Interruptions)... Agreed; agreed. ...(Interruptions)... Yes, Mr. Minister, would you like to react? ...(Interruptions)...

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR):

Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, this issue of archaeology excavation near Madurai is a very important issue. I will bring it to the notice of the hon. Minister of Culture and Tourism. We will do everything so that the things, which have been excavated there, are taken care of.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Now, Dr. V. Maitreyan. ... (Interruptions)... Mr. Tiruchi Siva, you have supported it. ... (Interruptions)... That is enough. ... (Interruptions)...

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Sir, I had given a Special Mention notice on the same issue. My name is there in the list. But, it has not been circulated to me.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay; okay. I am sorry. Sorry, Dr. Maitreyan, the name of Tiruchi Siva is also there. Yes, Mr. Siva, you can associate.

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Sir, it has not been circulated to me. Once it comes, kindly permit me also.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay. Now, Dr. Maitreyan.

**DEMAND FOR GRANTING ADEQUATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO
STATE OF TAMIL NADU AFFECTED BY NATURAL CALAMITIES DURING
2015 AND 2016**

DR. V. MAITREYAN (TAMIL NADU): Sir, the extremely heavy rains and subsequent floods in Tamil Nadu during December, 2015, have caused enormous devastation to standing crops, property and public infrastructure, besides loss of livelihood and loss of life and cattle. Our beloved leader, Dr. Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, had requested the hon. Prime Minister to release Rs. 25,912.45 crores for complete relief and restoration efforts. The Central Team too had inspected and given its report on the devastations caused. But only Rs. 1940.42 crores have so far been released which is way short of the total requirement.

In December, 2016, Cyclone Vardah had caused severe damage in Chennai city and districts of Tiruvallur, Kanchipuram and Cuddalore, uprooting several thousands of trees and electric lamp posts, besides damaging the roads and other infrastructure. The hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu had sought an assistance of Rs. 22,573 crores from the Central Government to undertake reconstruction works in areas affected by Cyclone Vardah. But, till date, no grant has been released by the Centre towards

Vardah Cyclone relief. In a federal form of Government, it is the duty of the Union Government to consider and cater to the genuine demands of the State Governments.

Therefore, I urge upon the Union Government to consider the demands of the Government of Tamil Nadu, seeking Rs. 25,912.45 crores as relief grant for the devastation caused by the torrential rains and cyclone during December, 2015 and Rs. 22,573 crores for severe damage caused by cyclone Vardah in December, 2016 and immediately release the adequate relief grants to Tamil Nadu having been devastated by two back-to-back calamities of severe nature.

(Ends)

**DEMAND FOR EXPEDITING RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR CENTRALLY
SPONSORED SCHEMES TO STATE OF TAMIL NADU**

SHRI T. RATHINAVEL (TAMIL NADU): Sir, the Government has to release Rs. 9,000 crore to Tamil Nadu as a part of its share for centrally-sponsored schemes or towards reimbursing the money spent by the Tamil Nadu Government. The Government of Tamil Nadu has raised this issue of

pending payments with the Union Finance Ministry during a meeting of State Finance Ministers, held recently in New Delhi.

Tamil Nadu is yet to get post/ pre-matric scholarship funds meant for SC/ST students to the extent of Rs. 2,118 crore. Similarly, in the school education department, Rs. 1,200 crore need to be released.

The Centre has to reimburse Tamil Nadu to the extent of Rs. 542 crores for building infrastructure for Judiciary. Likewise, under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen), an amount of Rs. 602.02 crores is still pending from the Government. A total amount of about Rs. 1500 crores is yet to be released under the revised, restructured Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) to the entrepreneurs of Tamil Nadu.

(Contd. by 1m – PK)

PK-RPM/1M/11.55

SHRI T. RATHINAVEL (CONTD.): An amount of Rs.280.30 crores is still pending for Tamil Nadu for putting in place the necessary facilities for the additional 345 MBBS seats in the four Government Medical Colleges of

Kanyakumari, Coimbatore, Tirunelveli and Madurai for the academic year 2017-18.

Sir, any delay in the release of funds, sanctioned for the projects, will adversely affect the success of these Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Therefore, I urge upon the Union Government to expedite the release of Rs.9,000 crores due to Tamil Nadu and to avoid any such shortfalls in the approved Central share release in the future.

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**DEMAND FOR PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM NATIONAL
DISASTER RESPONSE FUND (NDRF) TO STATE OF TAMIL NADU TO
TAKE RELIEF MEASURES IN STATE AFFECTED BY DROUGHT**

SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH (TAMIL NADU): Mr. Deputy Chairman,
Sir, Tamil Nadu received 168.3 mm of rainfall during North-East monsoon as against 440.4 mm, a deficit of 62 per cent. Non-release of water in Cauvery by Karnataka has left a huge shortfall of 112.5 TMC ft. The water stored in Mettur Dam was grossly insufficient. It was not sufficient even to save a single paddy crop in Cauvery Basin. The ground truthing exercise carried out by our Tamil Nadu Government indicated that drought was severe in 13,305 villages. Due to the failure of South-West and North-East

monsoons in the current year, the water storage position in all the water bodies is at a critical level. As against the total storage capacity of 198.384 TMC ft. in 15 major reservoirs, there is only 25.742 TMC ft of water. The Government has to provide relief to the farmers for the damages caused to the crops and also to ensure drinking water facilities through various temporary measures. Adequate fodder availability needs to be maintained to protect cattle. Employment generation programmes have to be taken up immediately to ensure livelihood of agricultural labourers. We earnestly seek an amount of Rs.39,565 crores from the National Disaster Response Fund. I would like to draw your attention to the fact that Tamil Nadu experienced heavy floods in 2015, and in December, 2016, heavy damages were inflicted by cyclone Vardah. Funds available in the SDRF are not sufficient to meet the situation. The State is in urgent need of assistance from the NDRF so as to take immediate relief and restoration measures. Our Chief Minister has sought an urgent relief. I urge the Centre to sanction Rs.5,000 crores immediately for relief measures.

(Ends)

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Sir, I am deprived of my opportunity.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You can associate. Then, Mr. Vivek Gupta.

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: That is fine, Sir. But the copy should have been given to me earlier. Even the copy was not placed on the table.

...(Interruptions)..

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The point is, you have to only associate.

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Sir, my Special Mention should also go on record.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That is why, I said, you associate.

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Sir, it is a very important issue.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That is why, I said, you associate.

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: I am associating, Sir, but I should have been given the opportunity to read it out. Every one was given, Sir.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Actually, there was already a notice on the same subject. That is the reason.

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: That is not my fault, Sir.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That notice was received earlier.

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Maybe that.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That notice was received earlier.

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: When there is abundant time, opportunity must be given. Had it come earlier, I would also have read it out.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The point is, if one Member has been allowed, on the same subject, you cannot read; you can only associate.

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Sir, the same issue has been allowed both under Zero Hour and Special Mention.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That is a different thing. I am talking about the Special Mention.

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: If an issue is allowed in the Zero Hour, it can't be allowed in the Special Mention. But the same issue was allowed in both. Why can't two notices be allowed in Special Mentions?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, no. Two notices cannot be allowed on a Special Mention in any case.

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Sir, we also have our concerns, which should also go on record.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: But I have allowed you to associate.

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Sir, I am associating, but mine should also go on record.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Siva, you associate with that. You are associating means you are fully in agreement with that.

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: The copy should have been given to me earlier, Sir.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What difference does it make?...(Interruptions)..

Not possible. Okay. Shri Vivek Gupta. Mr. Gupta, it would be better if you lay it, because the time is over.

SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Sir, just one line.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Siva, you can also lay your Special Mention on the Table.

*** DEMAND FOR RESUMING ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS AT
KEEZHADI VILLAGE IN TAMIL NADU**

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA (TAMIL NADU): Sir, Keezhadi is a small but historical village in Tamil Nadu. An excavation carried out by the Archaeological Survey of India here revealed an ancient and important landmark of Tamil civilization dating back to the Sangam era, which is more than 2,500 years old.

In 2016, these excavations brought to light a monumental settlement near Keezhadi in which wells, red brick walls, pottery, ornaments, bone

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accessories, iron spears and ceramic tiles with Tamil inscription were found in abundance.

While the people of India are anxiously waiting to learn about the ancient history of the State, the excavation at Keezhadi has, unfortunately, and unexpectedly been stalled. This decision by the Government, citing lack of funds as the reason, came as a great shock and disappointment, causing widespread feelings of resentment.

The Article 29(1) of the Constitution of India states that it is a fundamental right of every citizen, residing in the territory of India and having a distinct culture of its own, to conserve the same.

The Article 51 A(f) of the Constitution of India directs that it is the fundamental duty of every citizen to value and preserve the rich heritage of our composite culture.

Given the cultural, historic and constitutional importance of the findings, I would urge upon the Government to take immediate measures to permit the ASI to resume excavation and also provide requisite funds for the same. This would highlight the prestigious, cultural and ancient history of Tamil Nadu and also quench the curiosity and interest of the people of our country.

(Ends)

DEMAND FOR ADDRESSING PROBLEM OF INADEQUATE NUMBER OF TOILETS FOR GIRL STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS IN WEST BENGAL

SHRI VIVEK GUPTA (WEST BENGAL): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I thank you for having allowed me to make my Special Mention. For girl students access to toilet is not only a biological but a very important sociological need as well.

*Unlike men, girls can't urinate on walls or in the open as their decency is threatened. Inadequate toilet facilities in schools play a major role in the absent rate of girls in schools, followed by dropout rates.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development along with the Central Government has taken up initiatives like Swachh Vidyalaya Abhiyan, where it claims to have achieved 100 per cent in 2014-15 itself. However, the prevailing conditions in five districts of West Bengal have a completely different story to tell.

***Laid on the Table.**

I am hereby giving details of schools of five districts in West Bengal (Bardhaman Haora, Hugli, Siliguri and North 24 Parganas) facing severe shortage of toilets. Just to cite some examples, in Siliguri Municipal Corporation area, for 115 schools, there are only five girls' toilets and in Chinsurah, for 95 schools, there are only six toilets. These statistics display lack of basic facilities in schools. The condition is so appalling that there is not even one toilet per school. If we cannot provide the basic minimum facility like toilets to our girl child, then, how can we hope for a better future of our girls? बेटी को टॉयलेट नहीं देंगे, तो बेटी पढ़ेगी कैसे और बचेगी कैसे? In order to secure a healthy and bright future for our girls, I urge upon the Government to look into this matter urgently.

(Ends)

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: All right. All right. Now, it is time for Question Hour. It is time for Question Hour. It was a fruitful one hour because of order in the House. ...(Interruptions)... Yes, yes; a very good thing.

(Question Hour 12.00 — 1.00 p.m.)