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MR. CHAIRMAN (CONTD.): In this backdrop, I thought that it would be better to adjourn the House for a longer period instead of resorting to frequent adjournments, that too when it becomes evident that some sections of the House are bent on not allowing smooth conduct of the House. I can tell you frankly some of them come to me and also tell me openly, “Sir, today, please don’t misunderstand us.” I don’t want to name the parties. I have everything with me, including today, including yesterday. Then, when I know that the House is not going to be allowed to function, when people are going to create scenes, I thought that it would be in the interest of the House to see that such unruly scenes are not witnessed by the public. That is where I am concerned. There may be difference of opinion. Some people are saying, “No, Sir, it is democracy. Let these unruly scenes and all this behaviour also go on record. Let the people see and then let them decide.” That can be one point of view. I don’t differ with that. But I have my own strong view, being in this House for years together and being in public life, that the image of the Parliament, the image of the other institutions has to be kept intact and it has to be raised. And, we

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have great Parliamentarians who have contributed their might to the country by meaningful debates in this House and also in the other House. So, I am very much concerned on that personally. Some of you, who have been discussing with me, also know as to what my concern is. My concern is confined not to the Parliament or Rajya Sabha alone. When I go to public functions also, I open up my mind and also tell the people that this should not happen; not about Rajya Sabha, even about other House because the Assemblies, the Municipalities, the Zila Parishads and the local bodies look up to the top institutions - the Parliament (Rajya Sabha, Lok Sabha) and other institutions.

So, we should not allow the image to go down. We have seen yesterday one observation made by one of the Judges of the Supreme Court with regard to what is happening in the Supreme Court. I don't want to recall that. So, that being the case, the idea is to protect the image and stature of the Parliament. So, my intention in adjourning it for a longer period is that I want everybody to understand the seriousness and also the concern of mine. Today morning, I shared my concern with the Deputy Chairman and also with some of the floor

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leaders who were there in my Chamber. I urged the leaders to ensure smooth conduct of proceedings. I also told the leaders that if House proceedings were disrupted at the start, I would be left with no option but to adjourn the House till lunch. I made that very clear. My intention in doing so is to promote a sense of collective responsibility in minimizing or doing away with such forced frequent disruptions. When Members and parties realise that they would ultimately be the losers of such disruptions and adjournments, they would like to talk to each other and enable better functioning of the House. I realise some hon. Members have, perhaps, not properly understood my concerns and anguish over the functioning of this House.

I would like to reiterate again that it would be my commitment to allow any issue to be raised by anybody as per the rules. I have the weakness and the commitment to the rules, to the procedures, to keep the dignity of this House, and I am keen that I should stick to that. It is my commitment to allow any issue to be raised by anybody as per the rules and procedures. Nobody should have any misgivings about that. About the Zero Hour submissions, which come to me, some of them are not even within the purview of the Central Government, some are

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concerned with the State Governments, but, I think, okay, if a Member wants to raise it, let it be raised. Sometimes, as you know, I used to insist upon Ministers also to respond, though in Zero Hour, there is no such responsibility on the part of the Government to respond immediately. They can send it later.

Now, why I am sharing this is, I am told that some Members have gone out and expressed their views. I don't want to join issue with them because as the Chairman, that is not for me to do, but I thought it is my responsibility to share with the country, to share with the Members, what is happening here. We should all see to it that the House functions effectively, the House functions constructively. For protests, there is a forum of protests and also criticism. We have seen yesterday how people spoke on President's Address from this side and from that side. Very eloquent speeches were made. Very strong criticisms were made. I have nothing to lose, nothing to choose this way or that way. I only want the House to function and also function as per Parliamentary conditions and traditions. That is why, I want to make this very clear on the floor of the House.

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Hon. Members, now, I would like to call Mr. La Ganesan.

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MOTION OF THANKS ON PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS – contd.

श्री ला. गणेशन (मध्य प्रदेश) : मान्यवर सभापति जी, I am very happy to speak on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address initiated by the national President of my party, the BJP.

Sir, if you allow me to say a few words in continuation of your observations...

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, no. Please do not join the issue on that. Please confine to the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address.

SHRI LA. GANESAN: Let me speak only one sentence. My experience of more than one year is that the Members who are sitting in the back benches get opportunity to speak only in the Zero Hour while the Members, who are the leaders of the Groups, sitting in the front rows, heroes -- in your style, if a comment is made -- they want to make the Zero Hour into 'Hero Hour'. So, that is why, Sir, whatever you said, I am one with you; the entire House is also one with you.

Now, I come to the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address. Sir, yesterday, I was surprised to hear one hon. Member from the opposite side, who said that the Jan Dhan Yojana is not a new

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one. यह नई नहीं है। हमारे समय में यह कल भी थी, लेकिन आपने केवल नामांतरण किया है। उन्होंने यह बताया है। यह कैसे है? They have to just verify what was the number at that time. इतने गुना हो तो, बड़ा हो गया। Nearly thirty-one crore bank accounts have been opened, and, especially, for the *mahilas*, SBI accounts have been opened, and, from 28 per cent, it has come to 40 per cent. वास्तव में यह नामांतरण नहीं है, वास्तव में यह जो आपकी योजना थी, वह केवल नाम के वास्ते थी। यह केवल नाम के वास्ते थी, इसलिए हमारी सरकार के आने के बाद इस योजना को बदलकर, ठीक करके काम के वास्ते किया है, इसलिए यह फर्क है। So, the increase should be noted.

One of our hon. Members from the TDP, I hope so, observed that simply opening of accounts is not sufficient. The financial assistance should be given to those bank account holders. What I want to tell the hon. Member is that if you really observe the purpose of the scheme, only for that purpose, it has been started. I can tell you many things but, I would like to speak in short. Sir, one sentence of our former Prime Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi, is quoted several times. In those days, he said, if I send 100 rupees to the beneficiaries, only 15 rupees reach them. मान्यवर सदस्य ने अभी बोला कि आधा-आधा है। आधा

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पैसा उधर, आधा पैसा इधर निकलता है, लेकिन आधा पैसा नहीं, Rajiv Gandhi himself told that only fifteen per cent reach the beneficiaries. Sir, if tomorrow, our Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji, wants to use the same sentence, what will he say? He will say, if I send 100 rupees to the beneficiaries, and, withdraw करने के लिए अगर लेट होते हैं तो उनके लिए 115 रुपये मिलेंगे। यह फर्क है। आपके काल में अगर सौ रुपये देते हैं, तो केवल 15 पैसे मिलेंगे, लेकिन हमारे नरेन्द्र मोदी जी के काल में सौ रुपये देते हैं, तो 115 रुपये मिलेंगे। यह जन-धन योजना में फर्क है। मैं यह जानकारी देना चाहता हूँ।

महोदय, एक और दूसरा विषय है। कल एक माननीय सदस्य ने हमारे मान्यवर मंत्री के बारे में एक कमेंट किया है। उन्होंने उनके प्रांत में जाने की बात का एक विषय बताया है, आपको याद करना चाहिए, I want to remind the hon. Members that the Ministers have to play a dual role. They, particularly, the Lok Sabha Members, are elected by the people in their particular constituency. So, naturally, in the interest of the people, they have to say something in their prowess. You can only question a Minister only if he takes an action and it was partial. He should be impartial. Suppose, partially, he is supporting his own persons, then,

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you can question him. बोलने के लिए आप गलत व्यवहार कर रहे हैं, ऐसा बोलना उचित नहीं है। I do not want to go into it.

One other hon. Member said that the hon. President has mentioned, वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्।

(Contd. By SK/2S)

SK-KLG/2S/6.10

SHRI LA. GANESAN (contd.): But what happens, you know. What is your attitude about Rohingyas? These are the questions. वैसे सब वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम् का पालन करते हैं। अभी से ही नहीं, बल्कि बहुत विशाल काल से, जबसे इस राष्ट्र का जन्म हुआ है, तब से इस वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम् का पालन कर रहे हैं। Now, about Rohingyas, I just want to quote an example. There was an elephant. There was a procession and unfortunately the elephant got mad. जो एलीफैंट को चलाने वाला है, उसको पागल करता है, कंट्रोलिंग पर्सन, महावत, he shouts at the people. तमिल लोगों में ऐसा है, जब ऐसा करते हैं, तो कहते हैं कि मैड हो गया, चलो, लेकिन एक व्यक्ति बता देगा कि अभी-अभी मेरे गुरु ने बताया है कि यह भी आत्मा है, मैं भी आत्मा हूँ और इसलिए यह हाथी भी आत्मा है, मैं भी आत्मा हूँ। अगर वह मैड हो गया, तो क्या हो गया?

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MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Ganesan, you need not address them. You address straight the Chair.

श्री ला. गणेशन: सर, पब्लिक मीटिंग में बोलते-बोलते आदत हो गई है, इसको करेक्ट करना मुश्किल है।

श्री सभापति: यह पब्लिक मीटिंग नहीं है।

श्री ला. गणेशन: इसलिए सब में आत्मा है, लेकिन किसी खुशी के कार्य में क्या मृत्यु का आगमन होगा? वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम् को तो राष्ट्र मानेगा, बीजेपी पार्टी हो या जो भी पार्टी हो, जो भी सत्ता में आती है, वह राष्ट्र की भावना होती है, लेकिन रोहिंग्या के बारे में, we have to be very cautious. So, that is the important thing. That is why even the President of India, in his Address, mentioned about that. And, some people, instead of going into the merit of the speech of the President, are unnecessarily talking about our hon. Prime Minister. " ये क्या करते हैं? बोलते हैं, बार-बार बोलते हैं! Modiji speaks, speaks and speaks." Yes, we are very proud about it. We have got a Prime Minister who can very, very effectively contribute, who can present his point. अपमान करने के लिए मैं जिरह नहीं करता हूँ, अपने देश के कुछ प्रधान मंत्री थे, बोलते ही नहीं थे। ऐसे प्रधान मंत्री को 12 भाषाओं का ज्ञान, लेकिन बोलते ही नहीं। नहीं बोलते, तो इतनी भाषाओं के ज्ञान का क्या उपयोग है? हमारे प्रधान मंत्री बोलते हैं, विश्व में बोलते हैं, पूरे देश में

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बोलते हैं, चुनाव के समय बोलते हैं, इसलिए we should be very happy that we have got a Prime Minister who can articulate things in an effective manner.

I support what hon. Member, Shri T.K. Rangarajan, has mentioned during his speech that *Thirukkural* should be made national text. तिरुवल्लुवर न केवल राष्ट्रकवि हैं, विश्व कवि हैं। हमारे सुब्रमण्य भारती राष्ट्रकवि हैं। मैं एक बात बताना चाहता हूँ कि देश की एकता और अखंडता को बुद्धि से नहीं समझना है, हृदय में अनुभव करना है, पूरे देश के लोगों को हृदय से अनुभव करना है। On December 11th, I was in Delhi. I really felt very sad that there was neither the picture of Subramania Bharati nor Thiruvalluvar. So, whatever my colleague from Tamil Nadu demanded yesterday is the right thing. I have mentioned about this during Question Hour also. Even then, nothing has been done. Here also, I want to reiterate my point of view and support him.

Somebody quoted reports that India is at a low level in the World Happiness Index. What is the criteria for measuring happiness? That is most important. I don't want to go into the details of that. That way, *Bharat* is the happiest country in the whole world, I can say. Happiness is actually reflected आपको अच्छी तरह से नींद आती है, तो आप

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हैप्पी हैं। भारत में सब लोगों को, भूखे होने बाद भी नींद आती है, लेकिन विदेश में, for example, U.S., people have to take some tablets for going to sleep. So, what is the criteria for happiness? That is most important.

Now, some people say secularism is the tradition of our country as if the present Government is not following it. Secularism is not only the tradition of the country, it is in the blood of our country even before when the religions of Islam and Christianity were born. Before that also, we were following true secularism in our country. So, if you want to unnecessarily say that the present Government is not following secularism, then it is not correct.

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YSR-AKG/6.15/2T

SHRI LA. GANESAN (CONTD.): As far as linking of the Cauvery is concerned, there are so many problems. The case is in the court. I don't want to go into the details. I request the Government to expedite the process of implementation of linking of rivers. The idea first came during the tenure of hon. Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Hon. Suresh Prabhu was there to implement the Scheme. At that time, I studied the report. I am happy to note that the Mahanadi has already been linked with the

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Godavari and the Godavari has already been linked with the Krishna. Only the remaining thing is that the Krishna should be linked with the Tamil Nadu river. I request you to expedite the process. That will, once and for all, solve all the problems. And hon. Minister Ananthkumar will happily visit Tamil Nadu later. The process of interlinking of rivers should be expedited. That is my point.

I thank the Central Government for considering a museum for Adivasis in Madhya Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh has been selected for Adivasi Swatantrata Sangram Museum. For that, I want to thank the Central Government on behalf of Madhya Pradesh.

Hon. President has mentioned about Kumbh Mela. It is a matter of pride for us that Kumbh Mela is included in the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. I am very happy about it. I just want to remind that equivalent to Kumbh Mela, there is one mela that is going to be there in Tirunelveli. यह तिरुनेलवेली मेला होने वाला है। मैं अभी से केन्द्र सरकार से माँग करना चाहता हूँ कि इसके लिए केन्द्र सरकार के द्वारा जो व्यवस्था की जानी है, उसको अभी से शुरू किया जाना चाहिए। इस समय मैं यह प्रार्थना करना चाहता हूँ।

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Many hon. Members mentioned about NEET and the Leader of the AIADMK spoke about the Resolution passed in the Assembly. I don't want to go into the details and merits of that particular case. I don't want to discuss it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Ganesanji, you have to conclude.

SHRI LA. GANESAN: Whatever decision the Central Government wants to take, let them take it after examining all the aspects. But the result should be announced early, because till last minute, the students were thinking whether NEET would be there or not. That is why suicide took place. In another case, a *mahila* committed suicide thinking NEET would not be conducted. इधर भी suicide होती है, उधर भी suicide होती है। So, pros and cons are there.

अंत में एक विषय के बारे में कह कर मैं अपनी बात समाप्त करना चाहता हूँ। कल हमारे एक माननीय मेम्बर ने ऑनरेबल प्रधान मंत्री के बारे में एक बात कही। वह एक शेर के नाते है। लेकिन उन्होंने गलत उदाहरण दिया है। प्रधान मंत्री शेर हैं, वास्तव में शेर हैं। There is no doubt about it. वे सिंह हैं, लेकिन सिंह का एक और अच्छा उदाहरण, ठीक उदाहरण मैं बताना चाहता हूँ। उन्होंने गलत उदाहरण दिया है। इसलिए एक अच्छा उदाहरण देकर मैं अपना भाषण समाप्त करूँगा। वह यह है कि नरेन्द्र मोदी जी गुजरात में लीडर थे। जनता ने

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उनको 'जन नेता' जैसा माना, बाकी प्रदेशों में यह news spread हो गई। फिर पूरा भारत नरेन्द्र मोदी जी को नेता मानने के लिए तैयार था। बाद में पार्टी ने उनको recognize किया कि ये हैं हमारे प्रधानमंत्री candidate. प्रधान मंत्री बनने के बाद पूरा देश उनको 'जन नेता' जैसा मानता है। आज कल वे 'विश्व नेता' बन रहे हैं। यह किसी और के कारण नहीं है। वे media- developed leader नहीं हैं, media-projected leader नहीं हैं। वे स्वयं सक्षम हैं। सर, उन्होंने तीन लाइनें कह कर समाप्त किया था, मैं भी तीन लाइनें कह कर समाप्त करूँगा।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Don't point your finger like that.

SHRI LA. GANESAN: He is not there.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Even if he is not there. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI LA. GANESAN: I showed my hand to make other Members understand who that gentleman is.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Don't show it.

श्री ला. गणेशन : मैं तीन लाइनें कह कर अपनी बात समाप्त करना चाहता हूँ। यह श्लोक है।

"नाभिषेको न संस्कारः सिंहस्य क्रियते वने ।

विक्रमार्जितसत्वस्य स्वयमेव मृगेंद्रता॥"

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This *shloka*, the *shubhashitam* applies to our hon. Prime Minister. धन्यवाद। (समाप्त)

(2यू/बीएचएस पर आगे)

-YSR/BHS-SCH/2U/6.20

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Now, Shrimati Rajani Patil, not present. Shri Sanjay Singh, not present. Shri Anand Sharma, not present. Shri Abdul Wahab, not present. Dr. K. Keshava Rao, not present. ... (Interruptions)... No comments, please. Shri Satish Chandra Misra, not present. He has given a letter today only. Shri C.M. Ramesh.

SHRI C.M. RAMESH (TELANGANA): Sir, as we were having the discussion, just now, one Member from YSRC Party mentioned that this Budget will go to the Cabinet and a Telugu Desam Member is there in that Cabinet. If Andhra Pradesh is not satisfied, he should resign. Generally, the Budget will come out five minutes or ten minutes before, and he is commenting that Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju should resign. What is Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju's credibility? What is his credibility?

* He is talking about Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: Do not become personal.

SHRI C.M. RAMESH: He demanded the resignation of Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju. That is a political speech. He should not have done that here. It should not go into the record, Sir. It has to be expunged. That is my request and you see Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju's credibility and Shri Vijayasai Reddy's credibility. * That is the reason recently the Supreme Court has given an order that whatever the cases of MPs and MLAs, these should be taken up by fast track court in one year. I also raised in this same House that because of such people, these things are done. He is discussing and we are reasoning, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You come to the President's Address, please.

SHRI C.M. RAMESH: That is my speech. Thank you.

(Ends)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay, now, messages from Lok Sabha. Secretary-General.

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MESSAGES FROM THE LOK SABHA

- (I) RE. NOMINATION OF SEVEN MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**
- (II) RE. NOMINATION OF SEVEN MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS**
- (III) RE. NOMINATION OF TEN MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE ON THE WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES**
- (IV) RE. NOMINATION OF TWO MEMBERS TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON OFFICES OF PROFIT**

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I have to report to the House the following messages received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:-

(I)

“I am directed to inform you that Lok Sabha, at its sitting held on Tuesday, the 6th February, 2018, adopted the following motion: -

"That this House do recommend to Rajya Sabha that Rajya Sabha do agree to nominate seven members from Rajya Sabha to associate with the Committee on Public Accounts of the House for the term beginning on the 1st May, 2018 and ending on the 30th April, 2019 and do

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communicate to this House the names of the members so nominated by Rajya Sabha."

2. I am to request that the concurrence of Rajya Sabha in the said motion, and also the names of the members of Rajya Sabha so nominated, may be communicated to this House."

(II)

"I am directed to inform you that Lok Sabha, at its sitting held on Tuesday, the 6th February, 2018, adopted the following motion: -

"That this House do recommend to Rajya Sabha that Rajya Sabha do agree to nominate seven members from Rajya Sabha to associate with the Committee on Public Undertakings of the House for the term beginning on the 1st May, 2018 and ending on the 30th April, 2019 and do communicate to this House the names of the members so nominated by Rajya Sabha."

2. I am to request that the concurrence of Rajya Sabha in the said motion, and also the names of the members of Rajya Sabha so nominated, may be communicated to this House."

(III)

"I am directed to inform you that Lok Sabha, at its sitting held on Tuesday, the 6th February, 2018, adopted the following motion: -

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"That this House do recommend to Rajya Sabha that Rajya Sabha do agree to nominate ten members from Rajya Sabha to associate with the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes of the House for the term beginning on the 1st May, 2018 and ending on the 30th April, 2019 and do communicate to this House the names of the members so nominated by Rajya Sabha."

2. I am to request that the concurrence of Rajya Sabha in the said motion, and also the names of the members of Rajya Sabha so nominated, may be communicated to this House."

(IV)

"I am directed to inform you that Lok Sabha, at its sitting held on Tuesday, the 6th February, 2018, adopted the following motion: -

"That this House do recommend to Rajya Sabha that Rajya Sabha do elect two Members of Rajya Sabha, in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote; to the Joint Committee on Offices of Profit in the vacancies caused by the disqualification of Shri Sharad Yadav w.e.f. 4th December, 2017 and to be caused on the retirement of Shri C.P. Narayanan w.e.f. 1st July, 2018 respectively from Rajya Sabha and do

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communicate to this House the name of the members so elected by Rajya Sabha to the Joint Committee."

2. I am to request that the concurrence of Rajya Sabha in the said motion, and also the name of the member of Rajya Sa1bha appointed to the Joint Committee, may be communicated to this House."

(Ends)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, Special Mentions. Dr. V. Maitreyan.

(Followed by RL/2W)

-BHS/RL-RPM/6.25/2W

SPECIAL MENTIONS**DEMAND FOR SETTING UP HINDUSTAN AERONAUTICS LIMITED
(H.A.L.) FACILITY FOR MANUFACTURING LIGHT COMBAT
AIRCRAFT AT SALEM IN TAMIL NADU**

DR. V. MAITREYAN (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I wish to appeal to the Government to set up Hindustan Aeronautics Limited facility at Salem in Tamil Nadu. The Government of Tamil Nadu is in the process of coming out with an exclusive aerospace and defence policy with an objective of achieving 30 per cent share of the sector in India and creating high-end employment opportunities for 1 lakh

persons in Tamil Nadu.

The development of Chennai Aerospace Park at Sriperumbudur is one such initiative. This park is being set up in 250 acres in the first phase, which is expandable to 500 acres in the next phase and will house at least 50 aerospace or Defence companies forming a strong base for supporting large Original Equipment Manufacturing companies. More than 120 aerospace components manufacturing companies and more than 700 suppliers to our various Defence PSUs are operating in Tamil Nadu.

Salem is centrally located and has a large Land Bank. Salem region consisting of Namakkal and other districts of Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri, is emerging as the centre of professional education in Tamil Nadu. The city, long renowned for its cotton and silk hand-loom weaving, has developed as a large-scale industrial centre, with electrical and chemical factories and tool workshops. Due to its geographical location, Salem has emerged as a major regional transportation hub. Salem will be a preferred destination for aviation professionals too. In view of the ideal conditions, I appeal to the

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Government to set up Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (H.A.L.) facility for manufacturing Light Combat Aircraft in Salem. Thank you, Sir.

(Ends)

SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

डा. अनिल कुमार साहनी (बिहार): महोदय, मैं भी स्वयं को इस विशेष उल्लेख से सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

(Ends)

DEMAND FOR TAKING STEPS FOR EXPEDITIOUS RELEASE OF FUNDS UNDER CENTRALLY AIDED SCHEMES TO STATE OF TAMIL NADU

SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM (TAMIL NADU): Hon. Chairman, Sir, I would like to urge upon the Government to release various funds for Centrally aided schemes due to Tamil Nadu. The Tamil Nadu Education Department has not received Rs. 4,474 crore from the Centre under various schemes in the last few years. Many education schemes,

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including post-matric scholarship for SC/ST students had suffered as the State was denied Central funds on the ground of exhausting the budgetary allocations. A sum of Rs. 1,547 crore has been pending towards the post-matric scholarship scheme for Scheduled Castes and Rs. 27 crore for Scheduled Tribes for over a year. The annual allocation is grossly inadequate. I request that this amount may at least be doubled this year.

The Union Government has to pay arrears of Rs 1,312 crore for the *Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)*, the 'Education for All' scheme to Tamil Nadu. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan aims at providing basic education to children up to the age of 14 years and any delay in the release of funds will hit basic education in spite of Tamil Nadu Government's best efforts.

Under the *Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA)* Scheme, which is implemented to provide secondary grade education, an amount of Rs. 1,588 crore is due to be given to the State. Funds under the SSA and RMSA schemes have not been allotted to the State though these projects have been approved by the Project Approval

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Board. As education is pivotal to the task of nation building, I appeal to the Government to release all the funds due for Tamil Nadu without delay. Thank you, Sir. (Ends)

SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH (TAMIL NADU): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member. (Ends)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri P.L. Punia; not present. Shrimati Wansuk Syiem; not present. Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad; not present. Now, Shri Ram Nath Thakur.

(FOLLOWED BY DC/2X)

-RL/DC-PSV/2X/6.30

DEMAND FOR REMOVING ANOMALIES EXISTING IN VARIOUS PENSION SCHEMES LAUNCHED IN COUNTRY

श्री राम नाथ ठाकुर (बिहार): सभापति महोदय, सरकार समाज के विभिन्न तबकों को आर्थिक और सामाजिक सुरक्षा प्रदान करने के लिए विभिन्न प्रकार की पेंशन योजनाएँ चलाती है। इन पेंशन योजनाओं में आर्थिक लाभ बहुत अधिक नहीं होता है, फिर भी जो कुछ थोड़ी-बहुत आर्थिक सहायता मिलती है, उससे पेंशनधारकों की दैनिक अनिवार्यता का खर्च चलता है, लेकिन उसमें भी अड़चन

आ रही है। बिहार में वृद्धा पेंशन के पात्र व्यक्तियों की संख्या को लगभग ऑनलाइन किया जा चुका है, जो लगभग 43 लाख से कुछ अधिक है। केन्द्र सरकार इनमें से केवल 29 लाख लोगों को ही पेंशन देना चाहती है। तर्क यह दिया जा रहा है कि सीमा तय कर दी गयी है। आखिर किस आधार पर कुछ लोगों को पेंशन दी जाएगी और कुछ को नहीं?

सरकार बीपीएल परिवार की विधवाओं को पेंशन देती है, जिनकी उम्र 22, 30 या 35 साल है। फिर किस आधार पर उन्हें वंचित रखा जाएगा, जिनकी उम्र 18 वर्ष या उससे अधिक है? क्या उन्हें इस बुनियादी सामाजिक सुरक्षा-लाभ से वंचित रखना उचित होगा? दिव्यांगों के लिए भी योजना में विसंगति है। सरकार को नवजात दिव्यांगों के लिए भी पेंशन का प्रबन्ध करना चाहिए, जिनकी अपंगता 40 प्रतिशत से ऊपर है।

मैं इस विशेष उल्लेख के माध्यम से सरकार से यह माँग करता हूँ कि इन पेंशन योजनाओं में व्याप्त विसंगतियों को दूर किया जाए तथा इनका दायरा बढ़ाया जाए, ताकि सभी पात्र लोगों को इनका वांछित लाभ मिल सके।

(समाप्त)

श्रीमती कहकशां परवीन (बिहार): महोदय, मैं स्वयं को इस विशेष उल्लेख से सम्बद्ध करती हूँ।

डा. अनिल कुमार साहनी (बिहार): महोदय, मैं भी स्वयं को इस विशेष उल्लेख से सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

श्री हरिवंश (बिहार): महोदय, मैं भी स्वयं को इस विशेष उल्लेख से सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

श्री राम चन्द्र प्रसाद सिंह (बिहार): महोदय, मैं भी स्वयं को इस विशेष उल्लेख से सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

(समाप्त)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Names of all the four Members, who are associating, may be added. Members from Bihar are associating themselves with it. सदस्यगण, आपने देखा होगा कि जब शान्ति रहती है, तो कितने आराम से, कितनी अच्छी तरह से लोग बोल पाते हैं। कल आपने देखा, some Members were speaking in three-four languages also. ...(Interruptions)... No; it is not a question of position or opposition. It is a question of position of the House. If the House is functioning effectively, then, everybody will have an opportunity and I have called the names of other Members also. The Parliamentary Affairs Minister had said that the other House is functioning and they are likely to sit till late in the night because they want to discuss people's issues. I wish that the hon. Members could have utilized this opportunity also to have an in-depth discussion on issues concerning their States, issues concerning the nation.

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Now, I adjourn the House to meet at 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday,
7th February, 2018.

**The House then adjourned at thirty-two minutes past
six of the clock till eleven of the clock on
Wednesday, the 7th February, 2018.**