

Sir, the situation is somewhat alarming, and intervention of the Central Government is absolutely necessary for providing relief and rehabilitation to the drought-affected people of the State. Short-term measures for providing immediate relief and long-term measures like providing irrigation facilities, borewells, etc., have to be given top priority to prevent such situations in future.

I, therefore, appeal to the Central Government, through you, Sir, to come to the rescue of the State Government and the affected people of Nagaland which will go a long way in tiding over the current situation in the State.

**Demand to provide additional stipend to trainee doctors in  
entire country, particularly Tamil Nadu**

SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I would like to request the Central Government to provide additional stipend to the trainee doctors since the stipend provided by some State Governments is meagre. In Tamil Nadu, the provision of stipend for trainee doctors is so meagre that last week it resulted in a serious situation when trainee doctors went on an indefinite hunger strike unto death. In general, engineering courses with lesser capitation fee and time period for the completion of the course, and good employment opportunities with higher salary are treated as profit-oriented professional courses. But medical graduation has five-and-a-half years of duration with unimaginable capitation fee and additional education expenditure. It is also treated as a life-saving professional course with the motto of 'serving the society without any parity'. So, it is the duty of the Government to give more importance to medical students. Presently, the stipend provided in some States, especially Tamil Nadu, is not adequate in comparison to the huge expenditure, duration of course and the never-ending service. Last week, this provision of low stipend forced the trainee doctors to undertake indefinite hunger strike unto death. Many hospitals in Tamil Nadu were running without trainee doctors, especially the outpatients in Government hospitals were facing severe difficulty due to this strike. So, I urge the Government that it is its duty to consider to provide additional stipend in addition to the State Governments', keeping in view the service of the doctors who studied medical courses by spending a huge amount of money and longer duration.

SHRI S. ANBALAGAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI A. ELAVARASAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

**Demand for strict regulations to control the confusing publications  
brought out by private publishers for children**

**श्री कलराज मिश्र** (उत्तर प्रदेश) : उपसभापति महोदय, मैं आपकी विशेष अनुमति से इस विषय को सदन में उठाना चाहता हूँ। देश में प्राइवेट प्रकाशकों की किताबें बच्चों में भ्रम पैदा करने के साथ-साथ वर्णमाला के ज्ञान की जगह उनके बालमन को सिनेमा की ओर धकेल रही हैं। उक्त वर्णमाला में "ऋ" से ऋषि की जगह ऋतिक रोशन और "ऐ" से ऐनक की जगह ऐश्वर्या राय पढ़ाया जा रहा है तथा उनका चित्र भी उक्त पुस्तक की वर्णमाला के क्रम में प्रकाशित है। प्रकाशकों की लापरवाही यही नहीं रुकती है बल्कि महान वैज्ञानिक जगदीश चन्द्र बोस की