

श्री संजय निरुपम: हाई कोर्ट में आपने अपील की थी...(व्यवधान)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No discussion Sanjayji, Shri Dhamma Viriyo

SHRI PRAFUL PATEL (Maharashtra): Madam, if you are permitting Mr. Sanjay Nirupam to speak, I will also speak.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Nobody will speak.

Appointment of Director of Nava Nalanda Mahavihar

VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO (Bihar): Madam, the Ministry of Culture has recently appointed a Director in the Nava Nalanda Mahavihar, an internationally reputed institute, grossly violating the minimum dignity and convention of the universities, particularly a university of the stature of the Nalanda University. The appointed person is a simple M.A. Ph.D. and is working as a proof reader in the Vipasana Vidyapeeth, Nasik, Maharashtra. The appointment will destroy the institution since he is only 42 years old and is supposed to continue as Director for minimum 20 years. This is an affront to the glorious heritage, fame and tradition that the institute is enjoying since ancient times. Moreover, the appointment is not acceptable to the academic community, particularly the Buddhist world. The renowned personalities like Dr. Prof. Jagdish Kashyap, Prof. Satkari Mukherjee, Prof. Rath, Dr. Dipak Barua, Prof. Chandrika Prasad, worked as Directors in this institution, and produced more than two hundred Buddhist scholars. Some of them who are working as professors, Vice-Chancellors and diplomats are shocked to see the appointment. It is also surprising that the recommendations of the experts of the Selection Committee were ignored. In view of the above reasons, we request the Ministry of Culture to cancel the appointment of Director, Nava Nalanda Mahavihar. Thank you.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO (Goa): Madam, I would like to associate myself with this Special Mention because this is one of many appointments which are made without any regard to the academic merit, on political and partisan considerations, to control organisations ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, if this is the association, ... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU (Karnataka): Madam, what is he speaking? Have you relaxed the rules? ...*(Interruptions)*... It is his experience, but our experience is different.

SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI: Madam, my perception about the appointment is different from Mr. Faleiro's.

SHRI MD. SALIM (West Bengal): You express your perception.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Salim, you are not in the Chair. I am just telling you that you cannot give a direction ...(Interruptions)... I am reminding you that you are not in the Chair. ...(Interruptions)... Just one minute, please. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI MD. SALIM: There is a partisan outlook. ...(Interruptions)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just one minute. Mr. Salim, you are not in the Chair. From your seat you cannot give a direction to a Member to associate.

SHRI MD. SALIM: I am enlightened ...(Interruptions)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You are not enlightened.

SHRI MD. SALIM: He has other perception. ...(Interruptions)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Sit down.

SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI: Madam, I associate myself with him only in the spirit of disassociation because everybody knows the position.

श्रीमती कुमकुम राय: मैं भी इस स्पेशल मेशन से अपने आप को संबद्ध करती हूँ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Angou Singh.

Need to take over Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal, by the Government of India

SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH (Manipur): Madam, I thank you for giving me time to raise one of the important issues concerning the North-Eastern region. It is regarding the teke-over of the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal, by the Government of India.

Madam, the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal, was established on 14th September, 1972 in the name of "Regional Medical College". It celebrated its silver jubilee on 14th September, 1997. This Institute covers six North-Eastern States—Manipur, Tripura, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh. In August, 1976, the management of the Institute was taken over by a registered society, namely, "The North-Eastern Regional Medical College Society", and in June,