

been working since the inception of the Institute, the expenditure of the Institute has also come down from Rs.10.2 crores in 2010-11 to Rs. 8.2 crores in 2011-12. Since 2009-10, various awards, including the Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi Endowment Award for Classical Tamil, have not been given. The customary practice of increasing remuneration periodically has not been followed.

Therefore, I urge upon the Government to confirm the existing staff in their posts, grant them incidental benefits related thereto, and take other necessary steps so that the tasks assigned to the Institute are fulfilled in true letter and spirit.

**Demand for formulating comprehensive scheme for the welfare
of orphans in the country**

SHRI AMBETH RAJAN (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I wish to draw the attention of the Government through this august House towards very pathetic condition of around 20 million orphan children, who constitute approximately four per cent of the total population of the children below the age of 18.

The orphans are kept in the orphanage till they attain the age of 18. After attaining the age of 18, they have to leave the children's home run by the Government. Till then, they are provided all basic facilities, including food, clothing and shelter. The orphans, after attaining the age of 18 years, are forced to go out of Government-run orphanage and they are not mature enough, at this tender age, to decide future course of their own lives. They fall in the hands of anti-social elements and become anti-social elements. There is no scheme for orphans either at the Union level or at the State level.

It is pertinent to note that the Government provides reservation to SCs/STs, minorities and OBCs. It is very unfortunate that there is no reservation for orphans either in education or employment. Moreover, the orphans are also deprived of basic documents like ration cards, domicile certificates, election cards and Below Poverty Line certificates, etc. There is no scheme to provide them loan for becoming self-employed. There is complete lack of any comprehensive scheme for the welfare of the orphans.

I urge upon the Government, through this august House, to formulate comprehensive scheme for the welfare of the orphans in the country.

Demand for taking steps to reduce stress among students in the country

SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA (Gujarat): Sir, it has been observed that there is a sharp increase in stress level among students, but the Government is not