

SPECIAL MENTIONS**Demand for observing Indian Languages day on Thiruvalluvar's birthday and introducing Tamil as an optional subject in North Indian Schools**

SHRI TARUN VIJAY (Uttarakhand): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, the glorious history of all Indian languages is unique and supremely great. We must work to develop feelings of appreciation and respect for each other. In this regard it is necessary that people from north India be encouraged to learn any one southern language through a free choice option.

[THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V.P. SINGH BADNORE), *in the Chair*.]

For example, the incomparable golden heritage that we have in the form of Tamil should make every Indian proud. Tolkappiyam, approximately 5,000 years old, and on a broad spectrum Silappadikaram, Chintamani, Manimekalai, Valayapathi and Kundalakesi are great classics of Tamil literature. The onus of the greatest classic in Tamil literature undoubtedly goes to Kambar's Ramayana, the epic poem. One of the greatest words in Tamil, which is widely preached even to this day, is Thiruvalluvar's Thirukkural.

Its imprints are found in various parts of the globe. How many of us know about the global influence and public services of great emperors like Chera, Chola and Pandya Kings? Only Ashoka and Vikramaditya were not India; we should have an all encompassing respect for Cholas, Krishnadev Rayas and Pandyas also. Similarly, we have great history of Bangla, Malayalam, Telugu and other Indian languages.

I demand observing Thiruvalluvar's birthday as the glorious Indian Languages Day in all parts of the country, symbolizing respect for all Indian languages and introducing Tamil also in north Indian schools as an optional subject for strengthening national unity.

Palamaiyana Tamil Mozhiyai Vananguhiren.

Thank you.

DR. M. S. GILL (Punjab): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by Shri Tarun Vijay.

SHRI ANANDA BHASKAR RAPOLU (Telangana): Sir, I also associate myself with the Special Mention made by Shri Tarun Vijay.

DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I also associate myself with the Special Mention made by Shri Tarun Vijay.

SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I also associate myself with the Special Mention made by Shri Tarun Vijay.

SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I too associate myself with the Special Mention made by Shri Tarun Vijay.

SHRI T. RATHINAVEL (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I also associate myself with the Special Mention made by Shri Tarun Vijay.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Sir, we all associate ourselves with the Special Mention made by Shri Tarun Vijay.

**Demand for introspection over the functioning of
Kendriya Vidyalayas all over the country**

SHRI K. N. BALAGOPAL (Kerala): Sir, academic and administrative intervention is needed for improving the functioning of Kendriya Vidyalayas. A school run by the Central Government is directly supposed and expected to be a role model to all schools in India. But in the case of Kendriya Vidyalayas it is against these expectations.

Through the Right to Education Act passed by the Government of India it is the right of every child to get free education. But KVs are collecting high fees from the students and it is doubled recently. The amount collected for Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi needs proper audit. The fee hike is to be reversed.

Many permanent teaching posts are lying vacant. No proper training is provided to the temporary teachers. The transfer policy is inhumane. Presently the teacher-student ratio in primary classes of State school is 30:1 and in higher classes it is 35:1. But in some Kendriya Vidyalayas it is more than 50:1.

The long pending demand to teach mother tongue as an additional language is not yet implemented. Academic atmosphere is pathetically deteriorated due to lack of intervals for food and basic needs except 30 minutes' lunch break. Long duration (20 minutes) of morning assembly is conducted under the hot sun. It is a fact that the children of Kendriya Vidyalayas of Southern States including Kerala are forced to stand in the hot sun everyday to attend the assembly programme for a continuous 20 minutes.

The public is of the impression that the Kendriya Vidyalayas are under the direct control of the Central Government and everything is properly managed. Therefore, nobody is interfering or scrutinizing the running of the Kendriya Vidyalayas.

Therefore, it is requested for a serious introspection over the total functioning of Kendriya Vidyalayas all over India.

SHRI HARI BANSH NARAYAN SINGH (Bihar): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by Shri K. N. Balagopal.