

2. The Speaker has certified that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of article 110 of the Constitution of India.”

Sir, I lay a copy of the Bill on the Table.

MATTERS RAISED WITH PERMISSION

Curtailing of funds in most of art and cultural institutions

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, matters to be raised with permission; Prof. Jogen Chowdhury...*(Interruptions)*...

PROF. JOGEN CHOWDHURY (West Bengal): Sir, I am really surprised to find the allocation of funds made by the Government in this year's Budget for various existing major national art and cultural institutions. ...*(Interruptions)*... In comparison to earlier allocations, it is ridiculously low. ...*(Interruptions)*... We are frustrated to find that the Government has slashed the allocation by 50 per cent or even 100 per cent. ...*(Interruptions)*... It is fantastic! How can a progressive Government do it? ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI ANAND SHARMA (Rajasthan): Sir, there is a notice. ...*(Interruptions)*...

PROF. JOGEN CHOWDHURY: I have listed the names of 33 art and cultural bodies. I will give a few examples here for your information. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI K.K. RAGESH (Kerala): Sir, I had given a notice. ...*(Interruptions)*...

PROF. JOGEN CHOWDHURY: For Lalit Kala Akademi, the budget has come down from ₹ 20 crore to ₹11 crore; Sangeet Natak Akademi - from ₹ 29 crore to ₹ 12 crore; Sahitya Akademi - from ₹ 21 crore to ₹ 9 crore...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री सत्यव्रत चतुर्वेदी (मध्य प्रदेश): उपसभापति महोदय ...*(व्यवधान)*...

श्री नरेश अग्रवाल (उत्तर प्रदेश): सर, हम लोगों ने करप्शन पर नोटिस दिया है ...*(व्यवधान)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will come back to you. ...*(Interruptions)*... I cannot hear everything. ...*(Interruptions)*...

PROF. JOGEN CHOWDHURY: For Zonal Cultural Centres, the budget has come down from ₹ 87 crores to ₹ 55 crores; National School of Drama - from ₹ 43 crores

to ₹ 13 crores. ...*(Interruptions)*... National Gallery of Modern Art - from ₹ 22 crores to ₹ 5 crore. ...*(Interruptions)*... National Museum - from ₹ 30 crores to ₹11 crores. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री प्रमोद तिवारी (उत्तर प्रदेश) : उपसभापति महोदय, सदन की सारी कार्यवाही रोक कर भ्रष्टाचार के ऊपर चर्चा होनी चाहिए। ...*(व्यवधान)*...

श्री सत्यव्रत चतुर्वेदी: माननीय उपसभापति महोदय, हमने रूल 267 के अंतर्गत नोटिस दिया है। ...*(व्यवधान)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Why are you troubling him? ...*(Interruptions)*... Where is the notice under Rule 267? ...*(Interruptions)*...

PROF. JOGEN CHOWDHURY: Such allocation of funds is unimaginable. It has no 'vision'. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री सत्यव्रत चतुर्वेदी: उपसभापति महोदय, हमने रूल 267 के अंतर्गत नोटिस दिया हुआ है। ...*(व्यवधान)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Where is the 267 notice? I have called Zero Hour. ...*(Interruptions)*... Who has given notice under Rule 267? ...*(Interruptions)*...

PROF. JOGEN CHOWDHURY: It is a backward movement for us if we want to be a progressive nation. ...*(Interruptions)*... Traditionally, since thousands of years, India is a country with rich art and cultural heritage. ...*(Interruptions)*... Great personalities like Abul Kalam Azad and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru knew the importance of art and culture of India and had a vision to create various institutions after India's independence. ...*(Interruptions)*... But the present Government seems to be totally insensitive to the cause of art and culture and drastically reduced the allocation to various art and culture institutions. ...*(Interruptions)*... Such low allocation of funds will not only discourage the institutions, but make them crippled and inactive. ...*(Interruptions)*... If we look towards the western countries or even China, we find that they are vigorously encouraging art and culture. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री प्रमोद तिवारी : इसकी तत्काल जांच कराएं।...*(व्यवधान)*... कोई औचित्य नहीं है। ...*(व्यवधान)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Have you given notice under Rule 267? ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री नरेश अग्रवाल : श्रीमन्, आपने रूल 267 का notice accept नहीं किया है। ...*(व्यवधान)*...

PROF. JOGEN CHOWDHURY: Most of the western cities are famous for their museums and cultural institutions. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: If all of you stand up, how can I understand?
...(Interruptions)...

PROF. JOGEN CHOWDHURY: China has plans to revive their traditional art and culture. ...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I can understand if one of you stands up and says.
...(Interruptions)...

PROF. JOGEN CHOWDHURY: They have made a large Art District in Beijing itself and have plans to make hundreds of museums all over the country. ...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let him complete. ...(Interruptions).... Let him finish, then we will come back to LOP. ...(Interruptions)...

PROF. JOGEN CHOWDHURY: In fact, art and culture also attracts tourists and tourism brings money to the exchequer. So, we need to have a very thoughtful visionary plan to rejuvenate our art and culture of this country even for the development of our nation. ...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will allow the LOP. ...(Interruptions).... Don't worry.
...(Interruptions).... I will allow. ...(Interruptions)...

PROF. JOGEN CHOWDHURY: Furthermore, art and culture-oriented societies will make us better human beings and help solve various social problems we are facing at present in India. ...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Sit down. Your time is over. ...(Interruptions).... Your time is over. ...(Interruptions).... Sit down. ...(Interruptions).... Three minutes are over. Sit down. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Sir, I associate myself with the Zero Hour mention made by the hon. Member. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE (West Bengal): Sir, I associate myself with the Zero Hour mention made by the hon. Member. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I associate myself with the Zero Hour mention made by the hon. Member. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI VIVEK GUPTA (West Bengal): Sir, I associate myself with the Zero Hour mention made by the hon. Member. ...(Interruptions)...
