

SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR: He has not understood the issue at all.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Minister is from Goa and the hon. Member is from Goa. Both are very important for us. I don't want to intervene in that.

Alleged attack on academic freedom and creativity of students in Central University, Puducherry

SHRI D. RAJA (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I draw the attention to a serious issue, that is, growing unrest in the Puducherry Central University. Sir, the Puducherry Central University is known for its academic freedom, creativity of students and faculties, known for its social and political awareness. Currently, the Vice-Chancellor is Madam Anisha Bashir Khan. There is a Student Council. The University has been functioning in a very harmonious manner. The Student Council has brought out a magazine. The magazine has printed the photograph of Rohit Vemula. It has printed the photograph of Dabholkar Pansare Kalburgi. The magazine has expressed solidarity with the students all over the country in all campuses. Suddenly, the local ABVP and the local BJP, took up this issue and organized agitations outside. Subsequently, a pressure was brought in. I have press-cuttings. According to the media report, that magazine has been banned. Now, there are reports that the MHA has asked for some explanation. There is a fear, there is unrest in the campus. I draw the attention of the House why this is happening. When the development happened in the Hyderabad Central University, it was the same design. The ABVP raised the issue, the authorities intervened. In the JNU, the ABVP raised the issue, the local BJP raised the issue, the authorities intervened. Sedition charges have been slapped, and now, the students in the Puducherry Central University are facing a threat. I appeal to all the parties, What are we doing? Are we playing with the destiny of our students? Their destiny is the destiny of the nation. Are we playing with the destiny of the nation? This is what I would like to ask. The Government must clarify that they will not allow the situation to deteriorate in Puducherry. The Puducherry Central University is the pride of our nation. It is known for creativity ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. D. Raja, your time is over ...*(Interruptions)*... The names of all the Members who associated with this should be added. But your time is over. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD (Karnataka): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member, Shri D.Raja.

SHRI ANANDA BHASKAR RAPOLU (Telangana): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member, Shri D. Raja.

SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN (Karnataka): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member, Shri D.Raja.

SHRI K.T.S. TULSI (Nominated): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member, Shri D.Raja.

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श्री मोती लाल वोरा (छत्तीसगढ़): महोदय, मैं भी माननीय सदस्य के वक्तव्य से स्वयं को संबद्ध करता हूँ।

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SOME HON'BLE MEMBERS: We also associate ourselves with the matter raised by Shri D. Raja.

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): This is not proper. Sir, you have allowed one side and they have said something and made an

allegation ...*(Interruptions)*... Unfortunately, he has brought the analogy of the JNU and the Hyderabad authorities ...*(Interruptions)*... I know what is Zero Hour... जीरो ऑवर में भी ऐसा है क्या? ...*(व्यवधान)*... What has happened? The Hyderabad University Student Union Secretary, who belongs to SFI, has resigned alleging political interference for what all happened. Subsequently, what has happened, everybody knows. Also, if people raise slogans for Afzal Guru, Yakub Menon and Maqbool Bhat, you want the Government to simply keep quiet. ...*(Interruptions)*... What is this? ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Sir, This is the issue of Pondicherry. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: You are right, Mr. Hariprasad. ...*(Interruptions)*... Mr. Hariprasad, I am agreeing with you. ...*(Interruptions)*... But Mr. Raja, my friend, I totally agree with you. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI D. RAJA: Sir, it is. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: I am agreeing with you, Pondicherry is different. ...*(Interruptions)*... You brought the Hyderabad and Jawaharlal Nehru Universities. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN (West Bengal): It is on Pondicherry only. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Let us confine to Pondicherry only. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: It is on Pondicherry. ...*(Interruptions)*... Do not bring in Hyderabad University. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Mr. Tapan Sen, that is what I am saying. ...*(Interruptions)*... Let us confine to Pondicherry. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, listen to the Minister. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: I will ask the Minister to find out the truth. ...*(Interruptions)*... But we cannot accept the happenings. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please listen to the Minister. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: If you want to politicize. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Raja, please listen to the Minister. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: The Government will not tolerate such. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Minister, address the Chair. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRIM. VENKAIAH NAIDU: We will not tolerate such attitude. ...*(Interruptions)*... The policy of the Government. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: National unity and integrity is very important for us. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Listen to the Minister, please. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: This is atrocious. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, no. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Sir, we are glad that the Minister has responded in Zero Hour. ...*(Interruptions)*... But he should respond on the subject. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, please. ...*(Interruptions)*... Listen to me. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please listen. ...*(Interruptions)*... Order, please. ...*(Interruptions)*... See, Mr. Raja, has.....*(Interruptions)*... Mr. Raja has raised an issue on the Pondicherry University. He has also mentioned certain allegations against a political party also saying that it is being. ...*(Interruptions)*... No; sit down. ...*(Interruptions)*... Let me say. ...*(Interruptions)*... The Minister has every right to reply to that. ...*(Interruptions)*... That is all what he did. ...*(Interruptions)*... So why do you worry? ...*(Interruptions)*... It cannot, be one-sided. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: We welcome Minister's right but he should not bring in the Hyderabad issue. ...*(Interruptions)*... He should respond on Pondicherry. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Why do you. ...*(Interruptions)*... If Raja has a right to say, ...*(Interruptions)*... the Minister has a right to reply to that. ...*(Interruptions)*... The Minister gave a political reply. ...*(Interruptions)*... That is his job. ...*(Interruptions)*... That is all. ...*(Interruptions)*... There is no harm. ...*(Interruptions)*... Both are on record. ...*(Interruptions)*... Tapanji, both are on record. ...*(Interruptions)*... Why do you worry? What Mr. Raja said is also on record. What Mr. Minister said, is also on record. ...*(Interruptions)*... If Mr. Raja has said something, the Minister has a right to reply to it.

...(Interruptions)... Why do you complain? ...(Interruptions)... I am not. ...(Interruptions)...
One of you say. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI (Tamil Nadu): Sir, even in Chennai-IIT, Ambedkar Periyar Study Circle was banned. ...(Interruptions)... I mean, I am just saying it is not the only place. ...(Interruptions)... It is not Pondicherry alone. ...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, no. ...(Interruptions)... It is now Pondicherry only. ...(Interruptions)... The issue is only Pondicherry. ...(Interruptions)... If you want to raise another thing, you give a notice. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: This has happened before. I am just trying to bring it to the notice that it happened. ... (Interruptions)... It is not the only place. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: On a Pondicherry matter, if the Minister can bring in Jawaharlal University and Hyderabad University, why can we not bring in the Tamil Nadu University? ...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Both are on record. ...(Interruptions)... I told you. ...(Interruptions)... Please sit down. ...(Interruptions)... What Mr. Raja said. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Your Member has raised it. ...(Interruptions)... Your comrade has raised it. ...(Interruptions)... My friend has raised it and that is why I responded. ...(Interruptions)... Otherwise, we will discuss Pondicherry alone. ...(Interruptions)... It is a very good University. ...(Interruptions)... You ask him. ...(Interruptions)... He did not even realise. ...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Tapanji, what both Mr. Raja said and Minister said are on record. ...(Interruptions)... So, sit down. I have not expunged anything. Sit down. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY (West Bengal): It is Puducherry, not Pondicherry. The record should be corrected. ...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, it is Puducherry. I thank you. ...(Interruptions)... Rajaji, it is Puducherry; not Pondicherry. I also agree that it is Puducherry. He is on changing of the name. West Bengal is also going to change its name, that is why, you are more concerned. I know that.