

[Shri Anand Sharma]

on both the fronts, and, then, we have this thing happening. No country has given up its indigenous ammunition and spares making capacity, which the Indian Defence PSUs have been doing. Now, you are taking out products from them, instead of placing orders on them. Disinvestment and privatisation is a much larger issue. It will prove to be one of the biggest scams of this Government ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I associate myself with the mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI D. RAJA (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I also associate myself with the mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I also associate myself with the mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI ANANDA BHASKAR RAPOLU (Telangana): Sir, I also associate myself with the mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI T.K.S. ELANGO VAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I also associate myself with the mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD (Karnataka): Sir, I also associate myself with the mention made by the hon. Member.

श्री अली अनवर अंसारी (बिहार): उपसभापति जी, मैं भी स्वयं को इस विषय से संबद्ध करता हूँ।

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SOME HON. MEMBERS: Sir, we also associate ourselves with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Vijayasai Reddy. ...(Interruptions)... Mr. Vijaysai Reddy, you start speaking.

**Serious concern over increasing drug menace in
Andhra Pradesh and Telangana**

SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I am very sure that the entire House would agree with me when I say that no parent in India would ever

think in his or her wildest dream that his son or daughter would ever, leave alone consuming, even glance at psychotropic narcotic substances that are wildly being used at this point of time throughout the country, more particularly, in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and also in Karnataka. Unfortunately, in the last couple of months, there has been an increase in the use of these illicit drugs and narcotic substances, particularly, by film actors, college students, software employees, and shockingly, even by school-going children. The way the drug traffickers and the drug peddlers are spreading their tentacles in these States and throughout the country, even the law-enforcing agencies are miserably failing to control them. Even the State-level controlling agencies are miserably failing. It is time for the Central agencies to intervene in the matter. Some of the unscrupulous elements who are manufacturing these drugs in various parts of the country are importing raw materials, particularly, from Germany. They are supplying drugs like methamphetamine, ketamine, ephedrine and amphetamine to the locals, and, more particularly, to the youths in India. Shockingly, in Telangana, even school going children are taking drugs. Messages have been sent to the managements of more than 20 prominent corporate schools and also Kendriya Vidyalayas in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Sir, very recently, 700 units of LSD and 35 grams of MDMA were recovered from class IX students. ...*(Interruptions)*... Sir, let me complete. After that, the hon. Member can intervene.

Sir, two Nizerian people have been arrested from the city of Hyderabad for drug peddling in the last two weeks. A few days ago, notices were issued to some of the film stars by the Excise Department of the Government of Telangana. One drug peddler has been arrested.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay. Time over. Now, Shri Partap Singh Bajwa. ...*(Interruptions)*... एसोसिएट कर दीजिए।

SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE (West Bengal): Sir, I associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

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श्री रेवती रमन सिंह (उत्तर प्रदेश): उपसभापति जी ...*(व्यवधान)*...

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