

invited. Some retired Army Officers from Pakistan are invited, and they talk about what we have and what we don't have. It is a very sensitive period for India. ...*(Interruptions)*... The Government must pay some attention to it.

श्री उपसभापति: आनन्द जी, ठीक है। You have raised a valid point. ...*(Interruptions)*... The Government will look into it. ...*(Interruptions)*... Mr. D. Raja. ...*(Interruptions)*... आनन्द जी, बैठिए। श्री डी. राजा। ...*(व्यवधान)*... Anandji, you have made your point. Please sit down.

श्री आनन्द शर्मा: सर, सरकार को जो काम करना है, वह नहीं करती है और जो नहीं करना है, वह करती है। ...*(व्यवधान)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You have made your point. Now, Mr. D. Raja.

Rally organised by University and College Teachers at Jantar Mantar, Delhi

SHRI D. RAJA (Tamil Nadu): Sir, yesterday, I wanted to raise this issue. Today, I am raising this issue. I am happy that respected Prakash Javadekar is present in the House. He is the Minister of Human Resource Development. Sir, yesterday, thousands of college teachers and university teachers came to New Delhi, the National Capital, from all over the country. They came here to protest against the Government's apathy to the teaching community of our country. They came here to express their resentment towards the Government's apathy to the State-funded, public-funded educational system in our country. There are many serious issues and concerns. For instance, the teachers of our country have a great concern that the existence of distinguished institutions, like, the UGC, AICTE, etc., is at a great uncertainty. There are fears that they will be dismantled and they will be replaced by those organizations, called, the HEERA and EFFA. This is clearly an attempt towards further bureaucratization, further centralization and further commercialization of education. Privatization is already on board. This is a serious concern. The teaching community wants more budgetary allocations on education. Way back in 1960s, the Kothari Commission had recommended 6 per cent of the GDP to be spent on education. But we have not yet reached that target. We are, now, in 2017. Six per cent is very small. We should think of investing more, say, 10-15 per cent on our education. But, the Government is not doing that. And, this is what the teaching community is demanding, everybody is demanding. Moreover, the Government will have to engage with teachers' organizations and discuss the issues with them. As a Minister, you must call the teachers' organizations and must discuss with them the issues that the teaching community is confronting. You must discuss with them the problem that our educational system is facing. This is what we expect from the Government in a democracy.

But the Government is not engaging with the teachers organizations. There are so many problems. *(Time-bell rings) ... (Interruptions)...*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Your time is over. *... (Interruptions)...* Now, Mr. Ripun Bora. *... (Interruptions)...* Mr. Ripun Bora. *... (Interruptions)...*

SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I associate myself with what the hon. Member, Shri D. Raja has said.

SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I also associate myself with what the hon. Member, Shri D. Raja has said.

SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE (West Bengal): Sir, I also associate myself with what the hon. Member, Shri D. Raja has said.

प्रो. राम गोपाल यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश): महोदय, मैं स्वयं को इस विषय के साथ सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

श्री अली अनवर अंसारी (बिहार): महोदय, मैं भी स्वयं को इस विषय के साथ सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

श्री हुसैन दलवाई (महाराष्ट्र): महोदय, मैं भी स्वयं को इस विषय के साथ सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

श्री नरेश अग्रवाल (उत्तर प्रदेश): महोदय, मैं भी स्वयं को इस विषय के साथ सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

श्री विशम्भर प्रसाद निषाद (उत्तर प्रदेश): महोदय, मैं भी स्वयं को इस विषय के साथ सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

श्री सुरेन्द्र सिंह नागर (उत्तर प्रदेश): महोदय, मैं भी स्वयं को इस विषय के साथ सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

श्री रवि प्रकाश वर्मा (उत्तर प्रदेश): महोदय, मैं भी स्वयं को इस विषय के साथ सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

श्री राजाराम (उत्तर प्रदेश): महोदय, मैं भी स्वयं को इस विषय के साथ सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

श्री मुनकाद अली (उत्तर प्रदेश): महोदय, मैं भी स्वयं को इस विषय के साथ सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA (Madhya Pradesh): Sir, I also associate myself with what the hon. Member, Shri D. Raja has said.

SHRI ANANDA BHASKAR RAPOLU (Telangana): Sir, I also associate myself with what the hon. Member, Shri D. Raja has said.

PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA (Karnataka): Sir, I also associate myself with what the hon. Member, Shri D. Raja has said.

SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA (Tripura): Sir, I also associate myself with what the hon. Member, Shri D. Raja has said.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Sir, we also associate ourselves with what the hon. Member, Shri D. Raja has said.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay; okay. All names will be added. Now, Shri Ripun Bora.

**Concern over dismal picture of Defence and Army's preparedness as
reported by C&AG**

SHRI RIPUN BORA (Assam): Sir, the issue, which I am going to raise, is a very important matter. It is concerned with the defence of our country. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please allow me to speak. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just a minute. ...*(Interruptions)*... Just a minute. ...*(Interruptions)*... Let me hear the hon. Minister. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please be very brief. ...*(Interruptions)*...

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): Sir, I would like to inform the hon. House that we engage with everybody. I give time to every organization, which seeks time. Whenever they want, I discuss with them.

Secondly, we are not dismantling anything. We are reforming the regulators in order to give more autonomy to the institutes.

One more thing, the HEFA is a finance agency. It has nothing to do with what you have said.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay. Yes, Mr. Ripun Bora.

SHRI RIPUN BORA: Sir, the recent CAG Report is very alarming on three counts.

Number one, in 2013, the CAG had pointed out that there was acute scarcity of defence ammunitions. Today, in 2017, despite a lapse of four years, the Government has not taken up any steps in this direction.

Number two, major decisions had been taken for defence procurements from 2009 to 2013. But, today, in 2017, even after a lapse of four years, the Government has not even given approval for those procurements. This is a very dismal situation.