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15,000 tonnes of garbage daily. I, therefore, urge upon the Central Government, especially the hon. Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs to direct DDA to immediately, allot adequate land for alternative landfill sites for dumping the municipal waste generated in the National Capital.

Renaming of Dayal Singh College (Evening) in Delhi to Vande Matram Mahavidyalaya

SHRI NARESH GUJRAL (Punjab): Sir, I wish to bring to the attention of the House a recent incident which has attempted to run rough shod over the sentiments of the Sikh Community, a community which has made huge sacrifices for this country. Sir, Punjab was fortunate that a liberal philanthropist, Dyal Singh Majithia was born there to a very wealthy family. He donated his entire savings and gave his entire life to the cause of education in Punjab and set up Dyal Singh colleges in Lahore and in Delhi and various schools and colleges all over undivided Punjab. Sir, he felt that this was the only way to empower the Indians to fight the might of the British empire. Sir, even today, there is Dyal Singh College which exists in Lahore. However, Sir, the management of the Dyal Singh College in Delhi was taken over by the Government in 1978 and since then, the Union Ministry of HRD appoints the managing Committee of this institution. Sir, it is very unfortunate that recently the Managing Committee headed by one Mr. Amitabh Sinha decided to rename the evening college of this institution by Vande Matram Mahavidyalaya. Sir, I do admit that the words 'Vande Matram' evoke a patriotic fervor in every Indian and I would urge upon the Minister to set up Vande Matram Universities all over the country, but to change the name of a minority institution is a direct assault on the feelings of the Sikhs. Sir, I feel that this is something to be condemned and the whole House will join in condemning this incident. Sir, since the Minister is here, I would also like him to reply. Sir, the Prime Minister and his Government believe in 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas'. So, I urge the Minister to immediately replace the Managing Committee. This is a divisive Committee which is trying to create communal hatred in this country and I hope the Minister will take note of this. Thank you.

SHRI ANAND SHARM (Himachal Pradesh): Sir, may I ask the Minister...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Anandji, please sit down. There are five more speakers. Your name is not here. Please sit down. Don't think otherwise. Please sit down. Let him respond.

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Sir, there are two colleges, one in Delhi and one in Lahore. Please. ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD (Karnataka): Sir, I associate myself with the issue raised by Shri Naresh Gujral.

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI (Punjab): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by Shri Naresh Gujral.

SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES (Karnataka): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by Shri Naresh Gujral.

SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by Shri Naresh Gujral.

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA (Assam): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by Shri Naresh Gujral.

SHRI RIPUN BORA (Assam): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by Shri Naresh Gujral.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Sir, we all associate ourselves with the issue raised by Shri Naresh Gujral.

श्री नीरज शेखर (उत्तर प्रदेश)ः महोदय, मैं भी माननीय सदस्य द्वारा उठाए गए विषय से स्वयं को सम्बद्ध करता हूं।

श्री विवेक के. तन्खा (मध्य प्रदेश)ः महोदय, मैं भी माननीय सदस्य द्वारा उठाए गए विषय से स्वयं को सम्बद्ध करता हूं।

श्री रंजिब बिस्वाल (ओडिशा)ः महोदय, मैं भी माननीय सदस्य द्वारा उठाए गए विषय से स्वयं को सम्बद्ध करता हूं।

श्रीमती छाया वर्मा (छत्तीसगढ़): महोदय, मैं भी माननीय सदस्य द्वारा उठाए गए विषय से स्वयं को सम्बद्ध करता हूं।

श्री शमशेर सिंह ढुलो (पंजाब)ः महोदय, मैं भी माननीय सदस्य द्वारा उठाए गए विषय से स्वयं को सम्बद्ध करता हूं।

श्री शादी लाल बत्रा (हरियाणा)ः महोदय, मैं भी माननीय सदस्य द्वारा उठाए गए विषय से स्वयं को सम्बद्ध करता हूं।

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री प्रकाश जावडेकर)ः सभापति महोदय, यह जो इस तरह का नाम बदला है, यह सरकार का फैसला नहीं है और सरकार इसे पसंद भी नहीं करती है। इसलिए तुरंत hold पर रखने के लिए कहा है और तुरंत मीटिंग बुलाने के लिए भी कहा है। दिल्ली यूनिवर्सिटी से भी

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कहा है कि इस तरह से यह काम करना और भावनाओं से खिलवाड़ करके unnecessary controversy करना गलत है। हम इसको कतई पसंद नहीं करते और ऐसा नहीं होगा।

श्री सभापतिः ठीक है। श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी।

Problems faced by Bt3 cotton farmers

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY (Andhra Pradesh): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I wish to draw your attention and, through you, the House of the total failure of third phase of Bt. Cotton Seed — Transgenic Cotton Seed — all over the country. Farmers in States like Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have suffered a terrible loss. Not just that, when pink bollworm infest, the entire crop is damaged. These companies have, indiscriminately, recommended to farmers toxic spraying of drugs and pesticides that are banned all over the world, but are freely flowing into India. Taking suggestion from these companies, the farmers, in ignorance, sprayed this and died due to inhalation of toxic fumes!

There is no regulatory mechanism apparent in the Government today whereby the banned pesticides all over the world flowing into India are stopped.

I wanted to know what steps the Government is going to take to compensate cotton farmers who have incurred financial losses as well as loss of their lives. What mechanism is the Government is going to put in place to prevent marketing of toxic pesticides? And, what steps is the Government going to take against the Bt3 cotton Seed firms which claim their Seeds to be pest-resistant? We have been protesting about this repeatedly over a period of time.

Sir, this is a serious issue. Hence, i request the Government to impose heavy penalties on them for huge financial losses suffered by cotton farmers. Thank you.

DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Telangana): Sir, I associate myself with the Zero Hour submission made by Smt. Renuka Chowdhury.

श्रीमती रजनी पाटिल (महाराष्ट्र)ः महोदय, माननीय सदस्य ने जो विषय उठाया है, मैं भी अपने आपको इससे सम्बद्ध करती हूं।

श्री प्रमोद तिवारी (उत्तर प्रदेश)ः महोदय, माननीय सदस्य ने जो विषय उठाया है, मैं भी अपने आपको इससे सम्बद्ध करता हूं।

श्री आलोक तिवारी (उत्तर प्रदेश)ः महोदय, माननीय सदस्य ने जो विषय उठाया है, मैं भी अपने आपको इससे सम्बद्ध करता हूं।