

**Need to increase minimum working age of young girls from 14 years to 18 years**

SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA (Tripura): With your permission, Sir, I would draw the kind attention of the House to the scheme which is mentioned by the Minister in the answer that adolescent girls in the age group of 11-18 years can improve their social status through nutrition, life skills, home skills and vocational training.

Sir, adolescence is a significant period for mental, emotional and psychological development. Adolescence represents a window of opportunity to prepare for their healthy adult life. During this period, nutritional problems originating earlier in life can be practically corrected.

Sir, we should try to solve their health problems first and then try to give them training. This scheme can lead them to many problems. It would promote child labour and exploitation of children below the age of 14 years. In the name of work, girls are being trafficked as slaves and sexual exploitation.

I would request the Government to increase the age group of girls, who can work, to 18 years. Thank you, Sir.

SHRI K.K. RAGESH (Kerala): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

**श्री संजय सिंह** (राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र दिल्ली): महोदय, मैं भी माननीय सदस्य द्वारा उठाए गए विषय से स्वयं को सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA (NCT of Delhi): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Members are supposed to speak. They can only refer to the notes, that's all. Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe.

**Satellite cities and their problems**

**डा. विनय पी. सहस्रबुद्धे** (महाराष्ट्र): महोदय, मैं नगर प्रशासन के सम्बन्ध में नए बिन्दु को पूरे सभागार के सामने लाना चाहता हूँ।

आज पूरे देश में satellite cities की एक बहुत बड़ी समस्या हो रही है। हमारे देश में अभी नगरीकरण या urbanization कोई इश्यू नहीं रहा है, मगर चाहे वह मुम्बई हो, दिल्ली हो, कोलकाता हो या गोवाहाटी हो, इन शहरों के इर्द-गिर्द बड़े-बड़े satellite cities उत्पन्न हो रहे हैं। जैसे हम मुम्बई में आते हैं, तो आप किसी भी दिशा से आएँ, आपको लगभग दो-तीन cities को cross करके आना होता