

**Need to allocate funds to Murshidabad Campus
of the Aligarh Muslim University**

श्री अहमद हसन (पश्चिम बंगाल): धन्यवाद, सभापति महोदय। मैं आपके माध्यम से शून्य काल में एक महत्वपूर्ण विषय उठाना चाहता हूँ। सर, आप जानते हैं कि जस्टिस राजेन्द्र सच्चर कमेटी की रिपोर्ट से हिन्दुस्तान में मुसलमानों की शिक्षा, आर्थिक पिछड़ेपन, रोजगार, सरकारी और निजी क्षेत्र में नौकरी, प्रमुख सेक्टर में उनकी दयनीय हालत का एक चित्र सामने आया था। इस रिपोर्ट के बाद तत्कालीन भारत सरकार ने यह निर्णय लिया था कि माइनोंरिटीज़ की शिक्षा की हालत सुधारने के लिए कई कदम उठाए जाएंगे। उनमें एक था कि देश के विभिन्न प्रदेशों के माइनोंरिटीज़ बहुल चार जिलों में अलीगढ़ यूनिवर्सिटी का फुल-फ्लेज़्ड कैंपस बनाया जाएगा, जो उस राज्य में मुसलमानों की शिक्षा के स्तर को आगे बढ़ाएगा। सर, जिन चार स्थानों को चिन्हित किया गया था, उनमें बंगाल का मुर्शिदाबाद जिला, बिहार का किशनगंज जिला, महाराष्ट्र का पुणे जिला और केरल का मालापूरम जिला शामिल है। पश्चिम बंगाल सरकार ने केन्द्रीय सरकार के अनुरोध को स्वीकार कर मुर्शिदाबाद के आहिरन में तकरीबन एक हजार बीघा जमीन भी मुक्त में दी थी। सुश्री ममता बनर्जी की सरकार ने इस जमीन को अलीगढ़ यूनिवर्सिटी का कैंपस बढ़ाने के लिए हैंडओवर भी किया था। वर्ष 2014 में तत्कालीन माननीय राष्ट्रपति श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी ने इस कैंपस का उद्घाटन भी किया था, लेकिन अफसोस के साथ, we can say that Aligarh Campus, Murshidabad, has, from the beginning, become a sick educational institution. It has only four departments with nearly 500 students. They are studying, but in a pathetic condition. There is no building or full-fledged hostels. You may call this temporary shed a university campus! For nearly two years, there was no allocation of money for university. Salary for teachers and other staff was also stopped. Even after that period, there is no development at all.

I wanted to know from the hon. Minister of Human Resource Development what is his future plan regarding these centres of Aligarh University. Is the HRD Ministry going to abandon these institutions which were planned for educational development of minority communities? It is to be mentioned that AMU centres are open for students of every community. Sir, Kishanganj, Pune and Malapuram Centres are also in pathetic condition. These campuses were established with high hope and to advance education of the backward minorities. But, it seems, the present Government has lost all interest for these AMU campuses...

MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ (Jammu and Kashmir): Sir, I associate myself with the Zero Hour submission of the hon. Member.

DR. SANTANU SEN (West Bengal): Sir, I also associate myself with the Zero Hour submission of the hon. Member.

SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE (West Bengal): Sir, I also associate myself with the Zero Hour submission of the hon. Member.

SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY (Jammu and Kashmir): Sir, I also associate myself with the Zero Hour submission of the hon. Member.

SHRI MAJEED MEMON (Maharashtra): Sir, I also associate myself with the Zero Hour submission of the hon. Member.

SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI (West Bengal): Sir, I also associate myself with the Zero Hour submission of the hon. Member.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is not going on record. It will not go on record. समय के साथ आप जो बोलते हैं, वह तो रिकॉर्ड में नहीं जाएगा। प्लीज़, बाकी जो सदस्य एसोसिएट करना चाहते हैं, वे अपनी स्लिप भेज दीजिए।

Now, Mr. Selvaraj. He will speak in Tamil.

**Need to open a Copra Procurement Centre in Coimbatore and to
enhance MSP for copra**

SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ (Tamil Nadu): *Hon'ble Chairman Sir, Vanakkam. Procurement Centre for copra has to be established at Mettupalayam, Coimbatore District. I thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to raise this issue. Thirteen lakh coconut trees were planted in 7500 hectares of land by six Panchayat Unions in Coimbatore and Erode Districts. The six Panchayat Unions are Karamadai, Periyanaikkanpalayam, Sarkaar Samakulayam, Anoor from Coimbatore district and Bavani Sagar, Sathyamangalam from Erode district. It will yield 20,00,000 metric tonnes of copra. This copra has to be transported to a procurement centre which is 80 kilometres away. Therefore, the farmers have to spend more for transportation. Hence, I request the Government, through you, to set up a Procurement Centre by National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) at Mettupalayam, Coimbatore. Also, a dry processing centre for copra should be established at Mettupalayam with the assistance of Coconut Development Board, whose headquarters is located at Cochin, Kerala. At present, the price of copra has fallen to ₹ 95.20 per kilogram. Due to increase in prices of fertilizers and labour costs, this price is not feasible for the farmers. Therefore sir, I request that the price of copra per kilogram should be increased to ₹ 120.

* English translation of the original speech made in Tamil.