

**MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION
31(1) OF THE INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY ACT, 1961**

श्री रमेश पोखरियाल 'निशंक': महोदय, मैं निम्नलिखित प्रस्ताव उपस्थित करता हूँ:

“That in pursuance of clause (k) of sub-section (2) of Section 31 read with sub-section (1) of Section 32 of the Institutes of Technology Act, 1961 (No. 59 of 1961), this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one Member from amongst the Members of the House to be a member of the Council established under sub-section (1) of Section 31 of the said Act.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MATTERS RAISED WITH PERMISSION

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri K.K. Ragesh and Shri Sanjay Singh have given notice under Rule 267. They are not within the proper format of the Rules. I have not allowed it. Now, Zero Hour. Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao. ...*(Interruptions)*... This is not going on record. If this is the practice, then, I have to discourage you from further proceedings also. Mr. Sanjay Singh, it is not going on record. I will not allow you again tomorrow.

Concern over English as the medium of instruction in Andhra Pradesh schools

SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO (Uttar Pradesh): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I rise to bring an important issue to the attention of this House. Recently, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has issued a circular, a directive, to introduce English medium in all Government schools of Andhra Pradesh up to class VI. It is the most widely spoken South Indian language, most widely spoken classical language in the country. There are many people who have expressed concerns about this issue, including Mr. Chairman. Rather than addressing these concerns, they have been criticized of elitist bias. Therefore, I would like to bring this issue to the attention of the hon. House and the Central Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You may take one minute more because Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar also has to speak.

SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO: * “I humbly request the Government of Andhra Pradesh to reconsider the decision to introduce English as the medium of instruction till Class VI in Government schools. Telugu is one of the classical languages of the country and it is a prominent language among South Indian Languages. It is also a widely spoken

* English translation of the original speech made in Telugu.