

**Demand to bring down interest on education loans given by Banks**

SHRI K.J. ALPHONS (Rajasthan): Sir, education loans all over the world come very cheap. In most countries the interest on loans is less than five per cent. In India, education loans are very expensive. Most of the banks lend at over ten per cent interest. This is exorbitant. Due to this, a lot of students are not able to pursue their studies. This is a huge loss to the nation. Everybody who wants to study should be able to study. I request the Government to bring down interest rates below five per cent for educational loans.

SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I associate myself with the concern expressed by the hon. Member.

SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the concern expressed by the hon. Member.

SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM (Chhattisgarh): Sir, I associate myself with the concern expressed by the hon. Member.

SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I also associate myself with the concern expressed by the hon. Member.

SHRI VIJAY GOEL (Rajasthan): Sir, I also associate myself with the concern expressed by the hon. Member.

SHRI KAILASH SONI (Madhya Pradesh): Sir, I also associate myself with the concern expressed by the hon. Member.

SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH (Madhya Pradesh): Sir, I also associate myself with the concern expressed by the hon. Member.

SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY (Karnataka): Sir, I also associate myself with the concern expressed by the hon. Member.

SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I also associate myself with the concern expressed by the hon. Member.

SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN (Bihar): Sir, I also associate myself with the concern expressed by the hon. Member.

SHRI A. MOHAMMEDJAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I also associate myself with the concern expressed by the hon. Member.

SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the concern expressed by the hon. Member.

SHRI K.K. RAGESH (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the concern expressed by the hon. Member.

SHRI BINOY VISWAM (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the concern expressed by the hon. Member.

SHRI N. CHANDRASEGHARAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I also associate myself with the concern expressed by the hon. Member.

DR. SONAL MANSINGH (Nominated): Sir, I also associate myself with the concern expressed by the hon. Member.

PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA (Bihar): Sir, I also associate myself with the concern expressed by the hon. Member.

DR. AMAR PATNAIK (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the concern expressed by the hon. Member.

DR. SASMIT PATRA (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the concern expressed by the hon. Member.

SHRI BHASKAR RAO NEKKANTI (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the concern expressed by the hon. Member.

श्री सकलदीप राजभर (उत्तर प्रदेश): सर, मैं भी माननीय सदस्य द्वारा उठाए गए विशेष उल्लेख से स्वयं को सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Rajmani Patel; not present. Dr. Amar Patnaik.

#### **Demand to increase wages under the MGNREGA**

DR. AMAR PATNAIK (Odisha): Sir, recently NREGA Sangarsh Morcha found that for 33 States and UTs, MGNREGA wage rate was less than their minimum wage rate for agriculture. As per the Ministry of Rural Development's own data on the scheme: (1.) In Odisha, the average MGNREGA wage rate was ` 179.74 per day in 2018-19.