

SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN (Maharashtra): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

DR. AMEE YAJNIK (Gujarat): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

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

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

श्री सभापति: आप बैठकर भी बोल सकते हैं, खड़े होकर भी बोल सकते हैं।

श्री मल्लिकार्जुन खरगे (कर्नाटक): सर, खड़े होने की आदत ज्यादा है, इसलिए मैं माफी चाहता हूँ।

श्री सभापति: ठीक है, कोई प्रॉब्लम नहीं है।

Need for establishment of Centre for Excellence in Microwave, wireless and photonics in the Central University, Gulbarga

SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE (Karnataka): Sir, there is a 'Centre for Excellence in Microwave, Wireless and Photonics' being established in Karnataka for which the State Government has allocated 10 acres of land on lease for 33 years in Bangalore University campus. However, since this Centre is a part of Central University, Gulbarga, it would be better if it is established in Central University of Karnataka, Gulbarga. The Centre for Excellence will develop expertise in defence, space, aviation, communication and energy sectors. It would help students of various departments including Physics, Mathematics, electronics and communications engineering, computer science, etc. Both students and faculty members would have better access to the best faculty, industry experts, research facilities and infrastructure. Sir, the Central University, Gulbarga has ample open space of nearly 850 acres which is given free to the Central University within its campus to house the Centre for Excellence. There is already an operational airport connecting Gulbarga to major cities like New Delhi, Bangalore, etc., as well as has trains and road connectivity. The creation of this establishment in Hyderabad Karnataka region would

help students get just as good access to quality research infrastructure as their counterparts in Bangalore or other big cities.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Right. ...(*Interruptions*).. Okay, Khargeji. ...(*Interruptions*).. The point is that after three minutes that will not go on record. That is my problem. ...(*Interruptions*)..

SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE: Just one minute, Sir. This would help in promoting innovation and further research and development in the field of communications in Gulbarga. Sir, one more point is that the post of the Vice-Chancellor in the university has been lying vacant for ten months now. This is a very important post and its being vacant is causing major problems in several administrative decisions, many of which are still pending. This post should be filled up immediately to prevent further administrative issues.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Right. ...(*Interruptions*)..

SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE: So, I request the Government to consider establishing the Centre for Excellence in CUK, Gulbarga and immediately appoint a suitable person for the position of Vice-Chancellor in CUK. Thank you very much

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mallikarjun Khargeji. Both are different subjects, Ministers are also different. ...(*Interruptions*)..

DR. SASMIT PATRA (Odisha): Sir, I associate myself with the Zero Hour mention made by the hon. Member.

DR. AMAR PATNAIK (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the Zero Hour mention made by the hon. Member.

प्रो. मनोज कुमार झा (बिहार) : महोदय, मैं भी स्वयं को इस विषय के साथ संबद्ध करता हूँ।

SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY (Karnataka): Sir, I also associate myself with the Zero Hour mention made by the hon. Member.