

Backwardness of Rayalaseema region of Andhra Pradesh

SHRI T.G. VENKATESH (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I belong to Rayalaseema region, which is the most backward region in our State and also in the entire country. Our region consists of four Districts and almost all the Districts are declared 'drought affected Districts' from day 1 of Independence. So, I want to appeal, through you, Sir, that some special grants should be provided to this Rayalaseema region. Earlier, under 'special status' grant of Rs. 50 crores used to be given to every District that has to be revived. Before 1953, our region was in Tamil Nadu. Before bifurcation, all the investments of our region were made in Tamil Nadu. After bifurcation, Kurnool became the capital. Just before developing during 1953-56, it was again shifted to Telangana, and Telangana amalgamated with Andhra Pradesh. Again, our people made all the investments in the capital Hyderabad. Again bifurcation has taken place and it again shifted to Vijayawada. Our people started investing in Vijayawada because for our people 'capital' means a place which they love and where they invest. Then, they invested in Amaravati, though, again there is a proposal to shift it to Vizag also. So, at least, the Secretariat should be with us. Sir, a second capital should be there, like winter capital or summer capital like Nagpur, should be there in Rayalaseema region. All leaders are playing football with our region!

Sir, I want to mention one more thing. Leadership is very strong in our region. Each District has represented to the Chief Ministers, earlier as well as presently, before amalgamation and after amalgamation. The President of India was elected from the District of Ananthapuram, and the Prime Minister was elected from another District of our region. So, politically we are very strong. And rich mines are there. Sir, very rich mines are there; gold mines are there, diamond mines are there. In rainy season, the diamonds become visible. Big traders come from other States and buy from the agriculturists and small investors. So, diamond projects should be created; gold excavation has to be done. Iron ore is there, so, steel plant should be established there. Railway repair plant has been established but money has not been allotted for that. So, the project is not completed. The DRDO projects have been announced, but still not yet commissioned and similarly, Sir, Greyhounds was announced but it has still not come there.

SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA SINGH: Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by hon. Member.

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

SHRI BHASKAR RAO NEKKANTI: Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by hon. Member.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you, time is over. ...(*Interruptions*)... The next speaker is Shri Rajmani Patel. ...(*Interruptions*)... It will not go on record, even if I sympathise with you.

Need to open pre-matric and post-matric hostel facility for OBC category students

श्री राजमणि पटेल (मध्य प्रदेश) : सभापति जी, मैं आपके माध्यम से ओबीसी के छात्रों और छात्राओं के लिए प्री- मैट्रिक आवासीय छात्रावास खोलने के सम्बन्ध में सदन का ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहता हूँ। पूरे देश तथा मध्य प्रदेश में पिछड़े वर्ग की आबादी 52 प्रतिशत से अधिक है। यह आबादी शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में काफी पिछड़ी हुई है। मुझे खेद के साथ कहना पड़ रहा है कि पिछड़े वर्ग के छात्र-छात्राओं के लिए एक भी प्री-मैट्रिक आवासीय छात्रावास संचालित नहीं है। मध्य प्रदेश के रीवा, सतना, सीधी, सीहोर, सिंगरौली आदि में संभागीय स्तर पर भी कोई ऐसा छात्रावास नहीं है। जो पोस्ट मैट्रिक आवासीय छात्रावास खुले हैं, उनकी संख्या भी आबादी एवं छात्र संख्या को देखते हुए नगण्य है। जो हैं भी, उनकी हालत इतनी जर्जर है कि वे रहने लायक नहीं हैं। वहाँ पानी, शौचालय आदि तक की व्यवस्था नहीं है। पिछड़े वर्ग की आर्थिक स्थिति दयनीय होने के कारण उनके बच्चे गुणवत्तापूर्ण शिक्षा ग्रहण करने में असमर्थ हैं, जिससे शैक्षणिक स्तर दिनोंदिन गिरता जा रहा है।

अतः मैं अनुरोध करना चाहता हूँ कि पिछड़े वर्ग के छात्र-छात्राओं के लिए प्री मैट्रिक आवासीय छात्रावास संचालित किए जाएँ तथा पोस्ट मैट्रिक छात्रावासों की संख्या बढ़ाई जाए, साथ ही उनमें बिजली, पानी एवं शौचालय-बाथरूम की तत्काल व्यवस्था की जाए, ताकि पिछड़े वर्ग के छात्र-छात्राओं को समान अवसर का लाभ मिल सके और वे भी राष्ट्र की मुख्यधारा में जुड़ सकें, धन्यवाद।

श्री विशम्भर प्रसाद निषाद: महोदय, मैं स्वयं को माननीय सदस्य द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

चौधरी सुखराम सिंह यादव: महोदय, मैं भी स्वयं को माननीय सदस्य द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।