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Need to create an Association for former Members of Parliament

SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO (Uttar Pradesh): I thank you, Deputy Chairman, Sir, and also the hon. Chairman for giving me this opportunity. At the outset, I would like to extend my best wishes to all the retiring Members. While listening to them today, a thought crossed my mind. One-third of Members of this august House retire every two years. Besides a good standing in public life, they have rich parliamentary experience, subject knowledge and experience of working with communities and societies. I was wondering why we don't have a very powerful alumni association because schools and colleges where we have spent only four years, we have a life-long bonding with such organizations and institutions becoming members of the alumni. In India, we also have an Indian Parliamentary Group of which we are all life members and the retired Members become associate life members. But having gone through the mandate of the IPG, I realize that it is oriented more towards the sitting Members of Parliament and not the retired Members. I have looked into the arrangements in other countries. In most Western democracies, they have very strong Associations of Former Members of Parliament. They have it in the U.S. which was set up in '84. The U.K. Parliament has an Association of Former Members with an office in the House of Commons itself. Australia also has it. The European Association of Former Members is also there. All these institutions certainly provide an opportunity to the former Members of Parliament to actively participate in public life. Hon. Prime Minister has been exhorting all the citizens of this country to participate in nation building efforts in the 75th year of independence. I would like to urge you and also the Government to enable constitution of an institution, an association of former Members of Parliament, as an alumni institution, with no cost to the exchequer, which is what is there in most of the countries. It only has recognition of the Parliament but no cost to the exchequer, which can organize an annual

meeting of all the former Members. It can also organize regional meetings in different regions of this country. It can also undertake study tours and also voluntarily participate in certain nation building activities undertaken by the Government.

So, I would like to strongly urge the Government to take such an initiative. And I would request all the colleague Members to support such an effort because it will give us an umbilical connection with the House of Parliament and also enable us to contribute in a channelized way. Thank you, Sir.

SHRI K.J. ALPHONS (Rajasthan): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS (RETD.) (Haryana): 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.

SHRI DUSHYANT GAUTAM (Haryana): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI IRANNA KADADI (Karnataka): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA (Assam): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

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

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श्री विजय पाल सिंह तोमर (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदय, मैं भी माननीय सदस्य द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ स्वयं को संबद्ध करता हूँ।

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SHRI M. SHANMUGAM (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI P. WILSON (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

श्री उपसभापति: माननीय श्री संभाजी छत्रपती, not present. Now, Special Mentions, प्रो. मनोज कुमार झा।

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Need for assistance to Jute and Banana fiber clusters located at Purnia in Bihar

प्रो. मनोज कुमार झा (बिहार) : माननीय उपसभापति महोदय, इस विशेष उल्लेख के लिए आपकी अनुमति और सहमति मिलने के पश्चात मैं अपनी बात रखना चाहता हूँ। महोदय, MSME