

प्रतिशत से अधिक क्षति पर जो मुआवज़ा तय किया गया है, वह मुआवज़ा देकर उन क्षतिग्रस्त किसानों की जल्द से जल्द मदद की जाए। सभापति महोदय, आपका बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद।

DR. FAUZIA KHAN (Maharashtra): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

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

DR. JOHN BRITTAS (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

Demand for appointment of local language speaking staff for front desk jobs in various institutions in Karnataka

SHRI JAGGESH (Karnataka): *Sir, under the able leadership of hon. Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, our Government has always been promoting regional languages and is committed to their overall growth. I appreciate the recent efforts made by our hon. Finance Minister where she instructed all banks to appoint sufficient front desk staff who speak the local languages.

In spite of this, banks, public sector institutions and MNCs continue to hire people for front desk jobs who do not speak the local language in Karnataka. It is very difficult for the local people to interact with the front desk staff. Such small problems often create differences among States, because language and culture are highly sensitive issues and it is our duty to be more vigilant with regard to them. Therefore, the spirit of unity in diversity should be respected by all.

We do not have any objection if these institutions hire people speaking other languages; they are free to do so. The people of Karnataka are very broad-minded and we, whole-heartedly, welcome all people who speak different languages and always treat them as our own family. Kannadigas never force their language on outsiders; rather we always try to speak to them in their native languages. And, apart from Kannada, we speak Tamil, Telugu, English and Hindi. We expect the same thing from these institutions that they should not thrust languages upon us. This issue is not limited to Karnataka. In every State, front desk jobs should be strictly reserved for the people who speak the local languages.

*English translation of the original speech delivered in Kannada.

Therefore, I urge the Government to regulate the appointment of local language speaking staff for front desk jobs in these institutions except those which are under the Control of State Governments, in all their branches across the country."

(MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN *in the Chair.*)

DR. JOHN BRITTAS (Kerala): Sir, I associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

DR. FAUZIA KHAN (Maharashtra): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

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

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

DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

Need to address the issue of increased screen time among children

DR. FAUZIA KHAN (Maharashtra): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir. This steep increase in screen time in early childhood years has become a growing concern in India. The advantage that technology has in education, entertainment and communication cannot be denied, but it has been observed that very young children who are still in their very early childhood years are spending more hours in front of screens than required. This has been found to have a negative impact on various aspects of their personalities, their vision, their cognitive, their intellectual, emotional, social and also physical development. Most children are addicted to screens with mobile phones playing the roles of babysitters in families. Sir, excessive screen time beyond approximately one hour daily links to behavioural problems and poorer vocabulary acquisition. The surge in screen based technology usage among very young children has raised concerns about its impact on mental health and overall well-being. A study reveals a connection between increased screen exposure from six to eighteen months of age and adverse outcomes including heightened emotional