

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please speak.

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA : Sir, we seek your protection. ...(*Interruptions*)..

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There is no discussion. Tiruchi Sivaji, please take your seat. All the Members, who are standing, please take your seats. You may please speak, Binoy Viswamji.

SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Sir, I will speak when the House is in order.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Binoy Viswamji, please speak.

SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Yes, Sir. Thank you, Sir.

SHRI P. WILSON: Sir, kindly expunge that.

SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Sir, my time begins now. I stand before you...
...(*Interruptions*)... Sir, please start my clock now.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It has already begun. The time has already begun.

SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Sir, I have begun just now.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please speak.

**Demand to provide decent wages along with meaningful engagement terms to all
Government sponsored scheme workers**

SHRI BINOY VISWAM (Kerala): Sir, I stand before you to bring to your notice the plight of workers of Government-sponsored schemes in the country. Their number is in lakhs. They are ASHA workers, Aanganwadi workers and mid-day meal workers.

Sir, this Government and this House have the duty to look deep into their living conditions. Those people are not living; they are simply surviving on paltry wages. We use lofty words for them like 'global health leaders' and warriors of the country. We gave them such names during Covid days. But when it comes to ensuring them proper livelihood, we always forget them. It is high time that we thought about them.

Sir, the ASHA workers, the accredited social health activists, are doing immense service to the nation. In every walk of life, they are the first point of healthcare, social security, etc., but their concerns are not always addressed. Aanganwadi workers form the first meeting point for the children of this country. They teach them, they feed them and they open their eyes to the world, but what do we do for them? Nothing! Similar is the case with the mid-day meal scheme workers. The mid-day meal scheme workers work towards ensuring food security also, but lakhs of them are deprived of even decent wages. It is high time that the Government paid attention to them. We call them volunteers, but deny the right due to workers. We have to treat them as workers. We have to ensure that their wages are fixed, they are paid decent wages, they are treated well and provide decent working conditions to them...*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Your time is over. It is not going on record.

PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA (Bihar): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI ABIR RANJAN BISWAS (West Bengal): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

DR. SANTANU SEN (West Bengal): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

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

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

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

SHRI JOSE K. MANI (Kerala): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

* Not recorded

SHRI A.A. RAHIM (Kerala): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P (Kerala): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

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

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

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

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

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

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, hon. Member, Shri Sushil Kumar Modi to speak about 'concern over increasing incidents of suicide deaths of students in higher educational institutions'.

श्रीमती रंजीत रंजन (छत्तीसगढ़) : सर, मेरा नाम था ...(व्यवधान)...

Increasing incidents of suicide deaths of students in higher educational institutes

श्री सुशील कुमार मोदी (बिहार) : उपसभापति महोदय, राजस्थान के कोटा में इस वर्ष 26वीं आत्महत्या की घटना घट चुकी है। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री उपसभापति : प्लीज़, take your seat.

श्री सुशील कुमार मोदी : महोदय, पिछले एक साल में आत्महत्या की 26 घटनाएं कोटा, राजस्थान में घट चुकी हैं। केवल इसी वर्ष नहीं, बल्कि पांच-छह वर्षों से प्रति वर्ष 25 से 30 नौजवान आत्महत्या कर रहे हैं। इतना ही नहीं, आईआईटी, आईआईएम, एनआईआईटी और