

केन्द्र सरकार जिस प्रकार भारतवर्ष में हेल्थ सुविधाओं को बेहतर बनाने के लिए एम्स तथा पी.जी.आई. सैटलाइट का निर्माण कर रही है, उसी प्रकार इस इलाके को भी हेल्थ सुविधाएँ देने के लिए इस बी.बी.एम.बी. अस्पताल को एम्स या पी.जी.आई. सैटलाइट में तब्दील कर देना चाहिए, ताकि पंजाब, हिमाचल प्रदेश व जम्मू-कश्मीर के लोग इस अस्पताल में आकर अपना इलाज करवा सकें।

महोदय, एम्स या पी.जी.आई. सैटलाइट बनाने के लिए बी.बी.एम.बी., तलवाड़ा में बेसिक सुविधाएँ पहले से ही मौजूद हैं। तलवाड़ा में बी.बी.एम.बी. का 100 बेड्स से ज्यादा का अस्पताल पहले से ही बना हुआ है। अस्पताल के कर्मचारियों के लिए लगभग 2,500 सरकारी मकान खाली पड़े हैं, जो अब शायद खंडहर की अवस्था में आ गए हैं। अस्पताल को चलाने के लिए 24 घंटे बिजली, पानी तथा सीवरेज का प्रबंध है, जिससे एम्स या पी.जी.आई. बनाने के लिए सरकार की लागत भी बहुत कम आएगी।

महोदय, मैं आशा करता हूँ कि आपके माध्यम से सरकार को यह मेसेज जाए, ताकि तलवाड़ा को एम्स या पी.जी.आई. मिले। इसके कारण सिर्फ पंजाब के ही नहीं, बल्कि जम्मू-कश्मीर और हिमाचल प्रदेश के लोगों को भी यह सुविधा प्रदान होगी। बहुत-बहुत शुक्रिया।

MR. CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the Zero Hour matter raised by the hon. Member, Shri Harbhajan Singh: Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Dr. Fauzia Khan (Maharashtra), Shri A.A. Rahim (Kerala), Shri P. Wilson (Tamil Nadu), Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu (Tamil Nadu), Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu), Shri Niranjana Bishi (Odisha), Shrimati Phulo Devi Netam (Chhattisgarh), Shri Sant Balbir Singh (Punjab), Shrimati Jebi Mather Hisham (Kerala), Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal (Punjab) and Ms. Dola Sen (West Bengal).

Need to address the problems of beneficiaries of the Maulana Azad Education Foundation

SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE (West Bengal): Sir, my submission pertains to the response given by the Ministry of Minority Affairs to my Unstarred Question dated 22nd July 2024 concerning the closure of the Maulana Azad Education Foundation. The closure of the foundation comes at a critical juncture intersecting with the overall crackdown on minorities.

The Budget allocation trend for the Ministry of Minority Affairs over the past five years is alarming with a reduction from Rs.5,000 crore to Rs.3,000 crore. Despite multiple interventions by opposition MPs, including myself, several schemes such as

the Maulana Azad National Fellowship, *Naya Savera* and *Padho Pardesh* have been discontinued.

Sir, the priorities are clear. This 35-year-old foundation established to honour the legacy of India's first Education Minister has been a beacon of hope for thousands of minority students. The rationale given by the Ministry for the closure is 'to avoid extra cost to the exchequer'. This is absurd. The foundation received zero funds in the last two years. The BJP Government between 2014 and 2022 spent Rs.7,000 crore on advertisements. This organisation was spending just one per cent of it.

Sir, where does this stop? References to Maulana Azad were deleted from NCERT textbooks; the fellowship in his name was discontinued; and now the foundation in his name has been shut down. This is not about politics or *jumlas*.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE: This is about the future of thousands of students from disadvantaged sections of the society. This is not "*sabka saath, sabka vikas*". This is "*kuch logon ka saath, kuch logon ka vikas, baki sab saff*".

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Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray, you have only one minute.

Need to address the crisis of Jute Industry in West Bengal

SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR RAY (West Bengal): Many jute mills in West Bengal have drastically reduced their operational shifts in the past few months due to financial constraints and insufficient orders from the States for packaging of food grains with jute bags. Despite its critical role in the agrarian economy, jute is being sold below the Minimum Support Price, destabilizing farmers' finances and discouraging further