Demand for immediate action to close the existing gaps in the curriculum at IITs and other reputed institutions of the country

SHRI SAMIRUL ISLAM (West Bengal): * "Sir, Shri Narendra Modi's 74th birthday is on the forthcoming 17th September. I would like to convey greetings to him in advance through you. But the funny thing is that IIT Kharagpur asked their students to partake in essay-writing prior to the occasion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday. The topic was decided, "How Prime Minister Narendra Modi strengthened India's global relations". I myself am an IIT alumni. I would like to raise a few questions before the Indian Government and Prime Minister Narendra Modi through you. Firstly, 14 years ago, when I came to study at IIT Delhi, the admission fees were low and thus many students from poor and agricultural background like me could afford to study here. Since the Modi Government came into power, they have repeatedly increased the fees of IITs and many such institutions. Many reports say that there has been an increase of 300% in the fees. Hence many meritorious students from rural India who aspired to study in the IIT are right now having nightmares doubting whether they have adequate resources to study at an IIT. We saw a decrease of 10000 Crore rupees for Higher Education in this year's budget as compared to the previous year. Not only that, Indian Government is imposing taxes on the chemicals that scientists use in the laboratory. Many such funds that were allotted for the researchers has also been discontinued and thus many scientists are not being able to continue their research. The management of institutions like IITs are being filled with people who are party loyalist and extremists. As a result, superstitions are increasing in the IITs, and, unscientific thinking is being inducted into the student's mind. Discourses around Veg and Non-Veg food preferences are being encouraged. If we can't maintain a superstition-absolved atmosphere in the IITs, India can never progress. We all are aware that institutions like IIT, IISc, IACS have created many great scientists who are now working around the globe. I will read out a notification to you from the year 2020 which was issued from an IIT, "The panel of foreign examiner for PhD theses' evaluation shall consist of at least three examiners from non-Indian origin"....(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Nothing else is going on record. ... (Interruptions)...

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^{*} English translation of the original speech delivered in Bengali.

SHRI SAMIRUL ISLAM: "Sir, the Indian scientists are being demeaned. The Party loyalists from the IITs are doing this. Through you, I want to convey this to Indian Government and Prime Minister, that if we keep reiterating the motto "Viksit Bharat" and if we really want this to be realised, then, we need to create IITs which are free of all prejudices."

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the matter raised by hon. Member, Shri Samirul Islam: Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Shri M. Shanmugam (Tamil Nadu), Ms. Sushmita Dev (West Bengal), Shri Muzibulla Khan (Odisha), Shri Debashish Samantaray (Odisha), Shri Saket Gokhale (West Bengal), Shri Mohammed Nadimul Haque (West Bengal), Shri Prakash Chik Baraik (West Bengal), Shrimati Sagarika Ghose (West Bengal), Shri Jose K. Mani (Kerala), Ms. Dola Sen (West Bengal), Shri Jawhar Sircar (West Bengal), Dr. Fauzia Khan (Maharashtra), Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Shri P. Wilson (Tamil Nadu), Dr. Ajeet Madhavrao Gopchade (Maharashtra) and Shri P.P. Suneer (Kerala).

Now, Dr. Anil Sukhdeorao Bonde, 'Demand to Include Twins under the Two Children Policy for Garib Kalyan Yojana and other Government Sponsored Schemes'.

Demand to include twins under the two children policy for Garib Kalyan Yojana and other Government sponsored schemes

डा. अनिल सुखदेवराव बोंडे (महाराष्ट्र): आदरणीय उपसभापित महोदय, मैं "प्रधानमंत्री गरीब कल्याण योजना" तथा अनेक लाभदायी योजना के लिए एक कुटुंब में दूसरी बार होने वाले जुड़वा बच्चे का अपवाद करके दो अपत्य की पात्रता रखने के बारे में यह विषय रख रहा हूँ।

उपसभापित महोदय, 2014 से प्रधान मंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी जी के नेतृत्व में गरीब कल्याण योजना कार्यान्वित है, जिसमें 80 करोड़ लोगों को मुफ्त राशन, साढ़े चार करोड़ लोगों को घर और अभी 3 करोड़ से ज्यादा लोगों को घर, शौचालय तथा आयुष्मान भारत योजना का लाभ मिल रहा है। भारत की जनसंख्या में दिन ब दिन बढ़ोतरी हो रही है। भारत की जनसंख्या नियंत्रण के लिए एक परिवार में दो बच्चों का रहना अपेक्षित है, लेकिन यह दुर्भाग्यपूर्ण बात है कि कुछ परिवारों में दो से ज्यादा 5 से लेकर 8, 10 तक बच्चों को जन्म दिया जाता है। उसके लिए न तो कोई बंधन माना जाता है और न ही जनसंख्या नियंत्रण का ख्याल रखा जाता है। गरीब कल्याण योजना तथा अनेक लाभदायी योजना के लिए एक परिवार में दूसरी बार होने वाले जुड़वा बच्चों का अपवाद करके इसकी पात्रता रखना जरूरी है। राशन जैसी योजना में प्रति व्यक्ति 5 किलो अनाज दिया जाता है। यदि दो बच्चे रहें तो 10 किलो अनाज ही मिलता है, लेकिन यदि 8 बच्चे रहें, तो हस्बेंड-वाइफ और उनके 8 बच्चों के लिए 50 किलो अनाज दिया जाता है। जब वे बच्चे बड़े हो जाते हैं, तो फिर उनके भी कुटुंब बनते हैं और फिर ज्यादा कुटुंब के लिए "प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना" के अंतर्गत ज्यादा घर बनते हैं। यानी, यह दो अपत्य को जन्म देने वाले सर्व साधारण