

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding immediate resolution of farmers' issues -laid.

PROF. SOUGATA RAY (DUM DUM): More than 21 protesters are still missing since the Republic Day tractor rally violence, and cases have been registered against 125 farmers so far. The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), a coalition of farmer unions, in a press statement said that the information compiled by them had put the number of missing persons at 21, and First Information Reports had been registered against 125 farmers. The Government's efforts to suppress the voice of disagreement continue. Along with the agitating farmers, media persons and local people are facing a lot of trouble due to internet ban. Especially students are facing a big problem as their examinations are coming soon.

On the one side, the Government propagates the plans like Digital India, but on the other hand, the people of the country are being deprived of the internet. Those who are showing solidarity with the farmers are allegedly being trolled on social media, which is condemnable. The call has been given to register a strong protest against the alleged conspiracy hatched by the Centre to defame the peaceful farmers' movement by engineering violence on the Republic Day.

The SKM has decided to expose the disruptive game of the BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) and the ... *
to the people while mobilising the farmers. The blockade would be laid only on National and State Highways and for only three hours.

I urge upon the Government to give a patient hearing to the agitating farmers' problems and take immediate steps to resolve the issue at the earliest.