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Title: Request Central government to introduce a new education scholarship scheme exclusively for Scheduled Tribe students in the country particularly in Odisha.

**SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK)** : Thank you, Sir. I want to draw the attention of the Government towards the crisis of the Scheduled Tribes' education in the country, and particularly in Odisha. ...(*Interruptions*) Odisha has the largest number of the Scheduled Tribes in the whole country. ...(*Interruptions*)

**माननीय अध्यक्ष** : माननीय सदस्य, आप एक मिनट रुकिए ।

माननीय सदस्य, माननीय मंत्री जी बैठे हुए हैं तो आप स्पष्टीकरण माँगने लग जाएंगे । सदन सिस्टम से चलता है । आप नियम-कानून के मुताबिक कुछ चीज माँगिए । आप प्रक्रिया से आइए ।

...(*व्यवधान*)

**श्री अधीर रंजन चौधरी** : महोदय, यह हमारे देश से जुड़ा हुआ प्रश्न है ।...  
(*व्यवधान*)

**माननीय अध्यक्ष** : आप नोटिस दीजिए ।

भर्तृहरि महताब जी, आप बोलिए ।

...(*व्यवधान*)

**SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB** : Sir, the leader of the Congress Party is disturbing repeatedly. ...(*Interruptions*)

You have no right to disturb the 'Zero Hour' ...(*Interruptions*) If the Minister is free, if he is willing to respond, he will respond. ... (*Interruptions*)

**माननीय अध्यक्ष** : आप मंत्री जी के चैम्बर में जाकर उनसे मिल लेना ।

...(व्यवधान)

**SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY** : We are not disturbing... (*Interruptions*)

**SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB** : You do not hijack the House. ... (*Interruptions*) You cannot hijack the House. ...(*Interruptions*) We have also an equal right to speak. ...(*Interruptions*) You cannot hijack the House. ...(*Interruptions*)

**SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY** : We are not hijacking... (*Interruptions*) It is our right...(*Interruptions*)

**SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB** : You are hijacking ... (*Interruptions*) You cannot hijack the House. ...(*Interruptions*) You can only plead. You cannot hijack the House. You are disturbing others. ...(*Interruptions*) There is 'Zero Hour'. This is the 'Zero Hour' where you are doing this. ...(*Interruptions*)

Hon. Speaker, Sir, I want to draw the attention of the Government towards the crisis of the Scheduled Tribe's education in the country, particularly in Odisha. Odisha has the largest number of Scheduled Tribes in the whole country. The literacy rate of Scheduled Tribes of Odisha has constantly been lower than that of the total population. The

literacy rate of Scheduled Tribes was 52.24 per cent in 2011, while the overall literacy rate of Odisha was 72.9 per cent. The gap is that of 20.66 per cent. Adding to the hiatus, there is a huge disparity between male and female literacy rate of Scheduled Tribes. Sir, 51.48 per cent is the literacy rate for males and it is only 23.37 per cent for females. I would like to request the Government to come up with new education scholarship exclusively for the benefit of the Scheduled Tribe students of Odisha.