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Title: Need to provide interest free educational loans to SC, ST, OBC and economically poor students.

SHRI MARGANI BHARAT (RAJAHMUNDRY): Hon. Speaker Sir, I request the Central Government, through you, to provide free educational loans for the students belonging to SC, ST and OBCs. You know that they are all economically poor students. So, economically poor students cannot afford to pay exorbitant tuition fee and other fee for higher technical and medical courses. Therefore, they approach the nationalized banks and cooperative banks for the educational loans for which the banks charge exorbitant rate of interest. Students repay these loans after the completion of their courses, say after five years. The principal amount and interest amount thereon become burdensome. Therefore, I appeal to the hon. Finance Minister, through this House, to provide free educational loans to the SC, ST, OBCs and economically backward students across the country, so that they can repay in easy instalments without feeling the pinch of interest.

माननीय अध्यक्ष : सभी माननीय सदस्य जो प्रथम बार संसद में आए हैं और पहली बार बोल रहे हैं, उनको मैं बुला रहा हूँ । उसके बाद वरिष्ठ सदस्यों को मौका दूँगा ।