Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding problems of Vishwa Bharti University at Santiniketan.

SHRI ASIT KUMAR MAL (BOLPUR): Hon. Speaker Sir, I Shri Asit Kumar Mal first-time elected Member of Parliament from 41 Bolpur (SC) constituency. I convey my regards to you and I also convey my sincere love and respect to all the Members of the Parliament. I am highly obliged to you for giving me a chance to say something in Parliament. I would like to draw your kind attention to some problems of Visva-Bharati University at Santiniketan. Visva-Bharati University is one of the famous universities in India. Students come from native country and foreign countries to study here. But it is very unfortunate that Teachers' appointment has been closed for a long time. As a result, students are being deprived of proper education. Besides this, the appointment of non-teaching staff also has also been closed for 19 years. As a result, the laboratory is about to be closed.

My second point is, the admission fee has been increased four times and the price of admission form has been increased two times. As a result, the poor and meritorious students are facing a great inconvenience.

My last point is, ...(Interruptions) this is the first time I am speaking. The Pearson Memorial Hospital was started for the treatment of the students for this University. But Hospital has been closed. At present, there is no doctor and no staff. Students are being deprived of regular and proper treatment. We are very lucky that hon. Prime Minister is the Chancellor of this University. I would request the hon.

Prime Minister, through you, to please look into the matter personally and solve the problem as early as possible. Thank you Sir.