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Title: Regarding merger of schools in Andhra Pradesh.-Laid

**SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU (SRIKAKULAM):** AP government is playing with the future of our children by merging schools and reducing the number of teacher posts. Classes 1, 2 are being merged with anganwadis. Classes 3, 4, 5 are being integrated with high schools. Parents don't know if the school in which their child is studying in will exist tomorrow or not, leading to uncertainty about their child's future. Pupil teacher ratio will be worsened, defeating the 'very concept of quality education'. AP Govt. is still going ahead with the merger despite protests by Parents and students. AP is using NEP as an excuse for all this mess. However, disintegration of primary schools has not been recommended by NEP or RTE. AP Govt. is allegedly lying to the people. Hence, I request the Centre to take action regarding the act of AP state to stop this mindless merger of schools, which is destroying the future of our students.