Title: Regarding review in the fee structure of Sainik Schools.-laid

DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR (BALURGHAT): I want to raise the issue of very high fees structure in Sainik Schools in the country. It is very unfortunate that such higher fees has been fixed by the Government for Sainik Schools where kids only from lower and middle income groups aspire to get admission and prepare hard to crack the all India level entrance exam. The average fee is in the range of 1.80 lakh per annum which is higher than the average household annual income of citizens. Even the private institutions recognized by the Government as Sainik Schools are also charging equal or more fees. It's very unfortunate that after getting all India rank, students are not taking admission due to high fees in Sainik Schools. I request the Government to slash down the fee structure in Sainik Schools. Further, 100% fees exemption be provided to SC/ST/OBC/EWS students. There should be fees relaxation to the wards of single parents. Government should make the education in Sainik Schools affordable so that students from villages and towns may get admission in Sainik Schools and they are groomed as a good and disciplined citizens.