

**Title:** Regarding conferring an honorary degree to Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi by Banaras Hindu University (BHU).

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Rashid Alvi, please hear me first. You have given a notice on the subject of giving an honorary degree to an individual by the University. Universities are autonomous bodies. How can you raise a matter particularly relating to an individual?

...(Interruptions)

SHRI RASHID ALVI : Sir, I am thankful to you for giving me this opportunity. ...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I am not permitting you.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI RASHID ALVI: Sir, I am thankful to you for giving me this opportunity. ...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I am not permitting you to speak. If you want, you can raise it in another form.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI RASHID ALVI : Sir, it is the Central University. I am not speaking against any individual. ...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Universities are autonomous bodies. How can you raise this matter?

...(Interruptions)

SHRI SURESH KURUP : Sir, the Central Government has got an ample control over the Universities. It is the Central University. ...(Interruptions)

SHRI RASHID ALVI : Sir, it is the Central University governed by the Central Government. ...(Interruptions) I am not speaking against any individual. I am speaking about the way the Universities are giving the award, DSc, to anybody. I am not against Dr. Joshi. ये मेरे भाई की तरह हैं।

MR. SPEAKER: You should not mention the name.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI RASHID ALVI: Sir, I am not mentioning the name. ...(Interruptions)

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: If you are speaking about the University's decision of giving a degree to Dr. Joshi, then you can speaking anything you want. You support it first. ...(Interruptions) If you support it, then what should be your objection? If you support it, then there is no issue left. ...(Interruptions)

SHRI RASHID ALVI : Sir, he is being conferred a degree by the University. I am not against it but I am against ...(Interruptions)

SHRI PRAKASH MANI TRIPATHI (DEORIA): Sir, he should make his submission clear as to whether he wants to object to the award of a degree. ...(Interruptions)

**श्री राशिद अल्वी :** अध्यक्ष महोदय, बनारस यूनिवर्सिटी एक सेंट्रल यूनिवर्सिटी है। बनारस यूनिवर्सिटी ने सरहदी गांधी जी, रवीन्द्र नाथ टैगोर जी, नेल्सन् मंडेला जी को डिग्रियां दी हैं। डा. साहब को डिग्री दे तो मुझे कोई एतराज नहीं है लेकिन ऐसा कभी नहीं हुआ कि जिसने राम मंदिर के लिए कोशिश की, जिसने गौशाला के लिए कोशिश की, जिसने स्लॉटर हाउसिज को बंद करने की कोशिश की, उन लोगों को डिग्रियां दी जायें, इस पर मुझे एतराज है। ऐसा पहली बार हुआ है और इससे यूनिवर्सिटी की हैसियत और इज्जत घटेगी। मैं बहुत अदब के साथ कहना चाहता हूं कि जिस मामले में क्रिमिनल केस कोर्ट के अंदर पेंडिंग हो उस मामले के अंदर अगर D.Sc. की डिग्री दी जायेगी तो इससे देश के कानून का मजाक उड़ाया जायेगा। सरकार से मेरी प्रार्थना है कि यह बहुत ही महत्वपूर्ण विषय है और सरकार इस विषय का सीरियसली नोट ले।