

**Title:** Opposed the statement of the Chairman, UGC that medical education in India faces a dark future and stressed on the need for a thorough appraisal and assessment of the present education system.

DR. RANJIT KUMAR PANJA (BARASAT): Sir, I would like to draw your attention to a news item in today's Statesman where a personality no less than the Chairman, UGC, has proclaimed that medical education in India faces dark future. He apprehends that the basic cause is Medical Education, which should be under the Ministry of Education, is under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare who are concerned with medical care of patients only and are least interested in the educational part of medical education. I do not agree with this because being associated with medical education for 30 years, I believe, the statement is not true.

Sir, side by side, in the Statesman, there is another article which states that eight Principals of educational institutions in U.P. have been suspended with the allegation of a scholarship scam worth Rs. 15 crore.

Sir, I would like to stress on the fact that these reports point out to the fact that mere change of Ministries and Departments will not raise the morals and standards of education – general or professional.

MR. SPEAKER: Shrimati Kanti Singh. Madam, today we are discussing the Supplementary Demands for Grants of Railways. आज रेल्वे की सप्लीमेंटरी डिमांड्स पर चर्चा है, उस समय आप यह मामला रेज कर सकती हैं।

DR. RANJIT KUMAR PANJA (BARASAT): Please allow me to complete, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Panja, you cannot read out the entire thing during Zero Hour. You can mention briefly whatever you want to mention.

DR. RANJIT KUMAR PANJA : May I complete, Sir?

MR. SPEAKER: Very briefly.

DR. RANJIT KUMAR PANJA : I shall be very brief, Sir.

Sir, this would need a thorough appraisal of the present undergraduate and post-graduate medical education, periodical assessment of the system and the teaching staff and, above all, in the unbiased honesty in the selection of students and teachers. Ours is an intelligent race. What is lacking is the application of the intelligence and too much of party politics in every sphere of education. Thank you, Sir.