

**Title:** Regarding alleged politicising of school syllabus and to discuss the matter in detail.

**श्री विजय गोयल (चांदनी चौक) :** उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, देश के अन्दर स्कूलों के पाठ्यक्रम को लेकर बहुत ज्यादा शोर मचाया जा रहा है कि एनसीईआरटी या शिक्षा मंत्रालय ने शिक्षा का भगवाकरण कर दिया है। मैं कहना चाहता है कि कुछ लोग अपने राजनीतिक **अंग** (व्यवधान)

**श्री जी.एम.बनातवाला (पोन्नानी) :** बिल्कुल सच है, ऐसा ही हो रहा है।

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Banatwalla, you are going to get your chance now and he will be there to disturb you.

**श्री विजय गोयल :** कुछ लोग अपने राजनीतिक स्वार्थ के कारण इस मामले को इसलिए भी उठा रहे हैं, क्योंकि वे नहीं चाहते हैं कि देश के अन्दर जो देश की संस्कृति है, देश का भारतीयपन है, वह बच्चों के बताया जाए। मैं सिर्फ यह कहना चाहता हूँ, जब नेशनल कैरीकुलम बना, उससे पहले इसका प्रस्तावित रूप हर राज्य के शिक्षा मंत्री और मुख्य मंत्री को भेजा गया था।

**13.00 hrs.**

पश्चिम बंगाल की सरकार के शिक्षा मंत्री ने जो सुझाव दिया है उसे इसके अंदर इनक्लुड किया गया। अपने विरोधियों से, जो लोग इसका विरोध कर रहे हैं उनसे मैं पूछना चाहता हूँ कि आप जिसे भगवाकरण कहते हैं क्या देश प्रेम, नैतिक शिक्षा सिखाना भगवाकरण है? क्या देश की संस्कृति को अपने महापुरुषों को बताना भगवाकरण है? ये एक भी इसका उदाहरण दें, जिसके कारण इन्हें लगता हो कि एजुकेशन ठीक नहीं दी जा रही है।

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, जिस काउंसिल की चर्चा की जा रही है कि उसका गठन क्यों नहीं किया गया, 1994 से लेकर अब तक वह गठित नहीं की गई। जो लोग केवल राजनीतिक विरोध कर रहे हैं उन्हें मैं बताना चाहता हूँ कि एनसीईआरटी की जो रिपोर्ट है, इसकी जो वेल्थू बेस्ड एजुकेशन के ऊपर वर्किंग ग्रुप बना था, उसके चेयरमैन शंकर राव चव्हाण थे। उनकी रिपोर्ट में जो कहा गया वह मैं आपको बता रहा हूँ।

"Truth, righteous conduct, peace, love and non-violence are the core universal values that can become the foundation for building value-based education programmes as per the recommendations of the S.B. Chavan Committee Report submitted to the Indian Parliament in February 1999.

Eighty-first Report on 'Value-based Education' presented to Rajya Sabha on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 1999, Item No. 8.

What is required today, Sir, is not religious education, but education about religions, their basics. The Chavan Committee of 1999 strongly urges education about religions as an instrument of social and religious harmony. All religions, therefore, have to be treated with equal respect, *sarva dharma samabhava*, and there has to be no discrimination on the ground of any religion."

**उपाध्यक्ष महोदय :** भारत सरकार को क्या करना है, यह बताएं।

**श्री विजय गोयल :** उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, एनसीईआरटी का जो कैरीकुलम बना है, यह देश के हित में बना है। आप अगर राजनीति से ऊपर उठ कर सोचेंगे तो देखेंगे कि इसके बनाने से पहले सभी राज्यों से, एजुकेशनल बॉडीज़ से लार्ज स्केल पर कंसलटेशन की गई थी। भारत सरकार इसे जारी रखे, यह मैं चाहता हूँ और इसके लिए भारत सरकार को चाहिए कि और ज्यादा इस तरह के कैरीकुलम बनाए जाएं। **अंग** (व्यवधान)

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH (ULUBERIA): On this issue, I have given the notice.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Lakshman Seth has given the notice.

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : My notice is there on this subject. I am giving the notice for the last four or five days.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: If you have given the notice, you are allowed to associate yourself with him.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH 2111: The House is being misled. What are they doing? They are changing the education policy. The *safronites* are destroying the education policy of 1986. They are communalising the education system of our country. Nine State Education Ministers had already protested against it. ...(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: He has given the notice on this.

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: For the last five days, I am giving the notice. It is a very dangerous situation. This Government is working clandestinely and changing the basic understanding of this country. They are including astrology in the syllabus. This is the most heinous conspiracy. They are trying to substitute astronomy with astrology. They are trying to substitute science with yoga....(Interruptions)

**उपाध्यक्ष महोदय :** अनपार्लियामेंट्री होगा तो मैं सिमूव करूंगा।

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : They are including occult sciences and *karmakanda*. What is this? They are utilising the two institutions, that is, NCERT and UGC, and they are trying to change the entire education policy.

The scientific temper would be destroyed. We are going back to the 5<sup>th</sup> Century. We are going back to the barbaric age. They have captured all the educational and research institutes of the country by putting their RSS men in those organisations...(Interruptions) The Education policies of 1986 and 1992 have been tampered with...(Interruptions) Sir, through you, I would like to submit that this subject should be listed for discussion in the House...(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Hon. Members, if there is anything unparliamentary I will expunge it and I will ask him to withdraw.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : Sir, this subject is in the Concurrent List. The Central Government cannot unilaterally change the basic structure of education in this country. They cannot trample the secular foundations and the multifarious cultural ethos of this country...(Interruptions) Sir, they are trying to communalise it. They are trying to destroy the unity of this country...(Interruptions) Sir, I demand a full-fledged discussion on this subject in this House...(Interruptions)

**कुंवर अखिलेश सिंह (महाराजगंज, उ.प्र.) :** राजीव प्रताप रूडी जी, आपके सहयोगी दल के लोग भी यही डिमांड कर रहे हैं।

SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, in the larger interest of the country – I am not supporting this party or that party – I would like to submit that this subject should be discussed on the floor of the House. This subject is in the Concurrent List. The subject Shri Vijay Goel has raised should be discussed in the House. Different political parties would give different opinions on the matter and then we could come to a conclusion on this...(Interruptions)

**कुंवर अखिलेश सिंह :** उपाध्यक्ष जी, मैं येरननायडू जी के विचारों से अपने को सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM : Sir, I, on behalf of my party, also associate with his views...(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: From the Chair all that I would like to say is that this is an important subject. Now, if you take it up in the BAC and all parties decide about it, then it can come for a discussion. I have no objection to it.

SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU : Sir, I would raise it there...(Interruptions)

DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA (MANDSAUR): Sir, Shri Goel has just quoted it from a report ...(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Dr. Pandeya, this is 'Zero Hour'. He has mentioned this. Two other Members also have given notices on the subject and now I am giving the floor to Shri Francis.

...(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: If all the parties are wanting to discuss it and the House also can discuss all subjects of national importance, then you could give notice and it can come up for a discussion.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY (CHHAPRA): Sir, even our National Flag also has a saffron colour in it, do we need to discuss that? ...(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Rudy, he is asking for a discussion on the Education Policy.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE (IDUKKI): Sir, our country is going through a phase of re-orientation of our education system...(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Let there be a peaceful discussion.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE : Sir, there is a UGC circular on indigenous system of knowledge. But this Government is trying to introduce courses like *Vedic* astrology and *Pourahitya* at the University level. This is being done without consulting the States.

Sir, it is mandatory on the part of the Central Government that if it intends to make any changes in the education policy of the country, then the Government would have to consult all the States and the Education Ministers of the State Governments. There is also an apex body, called the Central Advisory Body on Education, for consultation in these matters. This body consists of all the Education Ministers of States. But this has not been done. The Central Government is trying to impose this unilaterally on all the States.

Sir, there is no doubt that eminent educationists have commented on this. They all are of the opinion that this would lower the quality of education in the schools and apart from that such a thing, instead of helping to imbibe the secular values would inculcate a sense of sectarian and obscurantism in the younger minds...(Interruptions)

Sir, this is a very serious matter. I would like to urge upon the Central Government to call a meeting of all the Education Ministers and eminent educationists and discuss this matter threadbare and then only a decision should be taken...(Interruptions)

I request the Union Government to consider this point very seriously.