

12.04 hrs.

Title: Demand to clarify venue of the Sixth National Youth Festival which is scheduled to be held in Kerala.

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS (PALGHAT): Sir, I am raising a very important matter regarding the National Youth Festival. The Sixth National Youth Festival was decided to be held in Kerala. Kumari Uma Bharati was the Minister of Culture, Youth Affairs and Sports at that time. She wrote a letter to the Chief Minister of Kerala regarding the decision to hold the National Youth Festival in Kerala. At the same time, the Secretary (Youth Affairs) to the Government of India wrote a letter to the Chief Secretary of Kerala also. According to that directive, the Government of Kerala formed a Preparatory Committee for a better organisation of the Festival. Now, the present Minister of Culture, Youth Affairs and Sports visited Kerala recently. At that time, he expressed his views. He did not know anything about the decision to conduct the Youth Festival in Kerala.

The birthday of Swami Vivekananda falls on the 12th January. Usually, we inaugurate the National Youth Festival on the same date, namely, on the birthday of Swami Vivekananda. Today is 1st December and only 40 days are left for the National Youth Festival. So, through you, let me know about the plan of the Government. Is there any move to shift the venue of the National Youth Festival from Kerala to elsewhere? Otherwise, the Government cannot conduct the Festival in that State. Let me know the view of the Government in this regard.

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM (BADAGARA): Sir, I have also given notice to speak...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Prof. Premajam, you may associate yourself with the views expressed by the hon. Member.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS : It is not the question of only Kerala. It is the question of the entire country. It is not the State festival. It is about the National Youth Festival...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: All Members who want to speak on this matter can associate themselves with the views of the hon. Member.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please understand that this is not the way to raise matters. Is there anything to say from the Government's side?

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Krishnadas, please take your seat. I am ascertaining it from the Government.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: This is not the way to raise the matter. I am allowing you one by one. Please take your seats.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (MUVATTUPUZHA): Sir, we associate ourselves with what Mr. Krishnadas has said...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: This is not the way to raise the matter. I am asking the Government about it. Please take your seats.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI A.C. JOS (TRICHUR): The Minister for Parliamentary Affairs may kindly respond to this point. The National Youth Festival had been decided to be held in Kerala...(Interruptions)...Now, the hon. Minister, Shri Ananth Kumar said that it would be changed from Kerala. He is thinking of shifting it to Karnataka.

">Only a few days are left. Swami Vivekananda's birthday is on 12th of January. So, will the hon. Minister kindly reply to it on behalf of the Government?...(Interruptions)

">MR. SPEAKER: Shri Krishnadas, please take your seat. Madam, please take your seat.

">... (Interruptions)

">PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM : Sir, I have given a notice.

">MR. SPEAKER: Yes, you have given the notice.

">... (Interruptions)

">SHRI A.C. JOS : It is an injustice meted out to the Kerala Government.

">MR. SPEAKER: Shri Jos, you are a senior Member. This is not the proper way of raising the matter in the House. What is this?

">... (Interruptions)

">PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM : The Government of Kerala has already made a statement...(Interruptions)

">MR. SPEAKER: I am asking the Government also to respond to it. Please take your seats.

">SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS : I have got the letter. I can lay the letter on the Table of the House...(Interruptions)

">MR. SPEAKER: Shri Krishnadas, please take your seat. Nobody is following the directions of the BAC.

">... (Interruptions)

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN):
Sir, I can communicate the feelings of the hon. Members to the Minister of Culture. I cannot outright take any decision here. Mr. Jos, I will definitely communicate your feelings.

">SHRI A.C. JOS : That is enough...(Interruptions)

">SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR (BARRACKPORE): Sir, the LIC and the GIC employees are on strike today. On behalf of the country and to safeguard the interests of the country, the Insurance employees have gone on strike today. It should be recorded and the Government should respond to this issue just now...(Interruptions)

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