

Title: Demand to explain the reasons for removal of the two members namely Prof. Romila Thapar and Shri Rajendra Yadav from the Prasar Bharati Board.

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL (HOOGLY): Sir, the recent happenings in Prasar Bharati cannot but be a matter of great concern to this House, particularly the way in which two very eminent people, Prof. Romila Thakur, a Historian of international repute and the other a very reputed Hindi writer Shri Rajendra Yadav have been removed from the Prasar Bharati Board in a most unceremonious and humiliating manner. This has been done because they did not agree to toe the line of RSS dictated outfits of BJP and some of their allies.

The intelligentsia, academia and for that matter the whole countrymen are seriously concerned about the way in which our eminent people are being humiliated and removed from important positions, be it in the case of the Indian Council of Historical Research, the Indian Institute of Social Sciences or be it in the case of Prasar Bharati Board. It had been done with partisan vendetta and vengeance, for these people have been working independently. The Minister owes an explanation to this House as to why they have been removed in this unceremonious manner amounting to humiliation.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Sir, the Minister is here. He should react to it... (Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Your name is there. I am calling names according to the list.

... (Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Radhakrishnan, do you want to raise a matter; otherwise I am going to call the next Member?

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN (CHIRAYINKIL): I am speaking, Sir.... (Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: I cannot compel the Minister to react.

... (Interruptions)

डॉ. रघुवंश प्रसाद सिंह : जितने बोर्डस, काँसिल और सरकारी संस्थाएँ हैं, इनमें से अच्छे लोगों को हटाकर आर.एस.एस. के लोगों को उनमें भरा जा रहा है। ... (व्यवधान) सरकार सुनेगी या हम लोग बोलते रहेंगे? सरकार को इस पर रैस्पोंड करना चाहिए।

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Raghuvansh Prasad Singh, please resume your seat. This is unbecoming of you.

... (Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record except what Shri Radhakrishnan says.

(Interruptions)*