

Title: Need to look into the saffronisation of democratic institutions by the present Government.

SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA (PONNANI): Sir, it is a matter of serious concern and a highly objectionable matter that the Government is attempting at saffronisation of democratic institutions, destroying their secular character and stifling or scuttling their autonomy through a policy of biased appointments and biased retirements.

Sir, biased retirement was resorted to in order to stifle dissent and biased retirement was made in the case of Prasar Bharati Board. There are other prestigious institutions like ICHR, ICSSR, NCERT and others where biased appointments of persons from a particular type of ideology like the RSS pracharakshan and RSS thinking were made. Sir, this is an attempt at destruction of secular democracy.

I, therefore, appeal to the Prime Minister to intervene in the matter and to see that our secular structure is not dismantled or destroyed through such biased appointments and biased retirements in democratic institutions.