

Title: Differences in the Sangeet Natak Academy leading to resignation of office bearers.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN (CHIRAYINKIL): Sir, Sangeet Natak Akademi is a prestigious institution of national importance. Now, recently news items come every day in the Press regarding a series of resignations from the Board. The Vice-Chairman of the Sangeet Natak Akademi, Shri Kavalam Narayana Panicker has already resigned and his resignation is still kept in abeyance. Nobody has accepted it. The noted musician, Dr. Balamuralikrishna has also put in his resignation. A series of persons have put in their resignations. This has tarnished the name of this prestigious institution. Nobody is in a position to take a final decision in the matter. It is the President who is authorised to accept the resignation. So, the Ministry should save the prestigious institution from disrepute by immediate intervention by the concerned Minister or the Government itself and make things right because Shri Kavalam Narayana Panicker is hailing from Kerala, a noted poet and Dr. Balamuralikrishna is a noted musician from South. Now, all these people are in difficulties.

So, let the Government come forward and take a final decision because the Chairperson is not in good terms with any of these people. The Chairperson is a lady. She is not in good terms with any of these people. So, there is no unity and there is no consensus in the Board.

MR. SPEAKER: So something should be done.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN : Yes, Sir, something should be done immediately to save this prestigious institution which has earned world repute in fine arts as well as in music.

MR. SPEAKER: Yes, we know it. It is a very prestigious institution.

Now, Shri Ramdas Athawale. This is also not to be treated as a precedent. I am giving you a second chance because time is available.