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Title: Issue regarding physical and mental assault on teachers.

SK. SAIDUL HAQUE (BARDHMAN-DURGAPUR): Madam, the idea of celebrating Teachers Day took ground independently in many countries during the 20th century. In many countries including India, Teachers Day is intended to be a special day for the appreciation of teachers and includes celebrations to honour them for their special contribution to the nation and to the society.

Teachers are the backbone of the society. The Kothari Commission rightly told that the future of India is being saved in the class room.

But the alarming situation that we are seeing now is that the teachers are being subjected to assaults of two kinds – one is physical assault and another is mental and professional attack. We are alarmingly seeing that teachers all over the country and especially in West Bengal are being attacked by a section who are mainly outsiders, but attack them in the name of students. Another kind of attack that we face not only in West Bengal, but all over the country is due to the promulgation of the Right to Education Act, where it had been made mandatory that training should be there; lakhs of teachers are in a state of agony and anxiety regarding their professions. What we also see is that in the National Child Labour Project, NCLP, there are a number of child labour schools all over the country, including my State, West Bengal; but the teachers are not getting salary, which are mainly run by the Centre. That is why, on this auspicious day, when we are remembering our great philosopher, the second President of this country, and the great academician, Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, on his birth day, I urge upon the Government to see that the teachers are not subjected to any kind of physical assault or physical attack or mental and professional attacks. Due honour should be given to all the teachers all over the country.

MADAM SPEAKER:

SHRI M.B. Rajesh is allowed to associate with the matter raised by Sk. Saidul Haque.

Shri Jagdambika Pal - Not present.