

>

Title: Regarding exile of famous painter M.F. Hussain from the country.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Now, Dr. Dome may speak.

...(Interruptions)

DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME (BOLPUR): Mr. Deputy-Speaker Sir, through you, I want to really raise an urgent matter of national importance.

Sir, we all know that Shri Maqbool Fida Hussain is a famous painter who is 95 years old. He is a reputed and finest artist of our country. He is our national pride but he is in exile in a foreign country for the last five years. This is a matter of shame for our nation that at this age, at the fag end of his life, an artist of such a stature could not stay in his own country. Sir, he is presently staying in Dubai and Qatar is offering citizenship to this painter. What is our Government's stand on this matter? Why cannot we bring him back to our country?

I want to know from the Government, through you, about their position on this issue. Has the Government taken any decision to bring him back to our nation to save the prestige of our country and to save the famous artist, Shri M.F. Hussain?

I urge upon the Government to take steps to bring him back to save the prestige of our country. What is the reaction of the Government on this issue?

श्री शैलेन्द्र कुमार (कौशाम्बी): सर, मुझे भी कुछ कहना है।

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : आपने नोटिस नहीं दिया है, जिसका नोटिस आया है, हम उसी को बुला रहे हैं। आप अपने आपको इससे सम्बद्ध कर लीजिए।

â€(ल्यवधान)

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : आप इनके बाद बोलियेगा। आप इनसे एसोसिएट कर लीजिएगा।

â€(ल्यवधान)