Title: Need to extend reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs and other minority communities in Foreign Educational Institutions proposed to be set up in India.

SHRI PONNAM PRABHAKAR (KARIMNAGAR): Sir, I may kindly be permitted to raise an urgent matter of public importance issue today, the 19th April, 2010, in the 'Zero Hour' regarding the implementation of reservation for SC, ST, OBC and other minority students in the foreign universities to be operated in India.

We are all well aware that the Government is going to permit foreign educational institutions to operate in India. I would like to state that on the one hand they provide good and quality education to our students and on the other hand they earn good amount and they take away the profits to their respective countries. Moreover, they will not implement reservation policy in getting admission of the students like SC, ST, OBC and other minority sections. Already, in our country SC, ST, OBC and minority students and their parents are lagging behind in getting good opportunities in the primary and higher educational levels. If the Government permits them to operate foreign educational institutions in India, they should follow the reservation policy presently being implemented in our country and they should also invest the profits in India only. Otherwise, the very purpose of giving permission to foreign educational institutions in India will not serve any purpose and only rich people can afford the admission and they will become more rich and the poor people will be deprived of getting admission and the poor people will become very much poor in the next generation. Otherwise, the Right to Education slogan will not solve any purpose in our country.

I, therefore, request the hon. Minister of Human Resource Development, through you, the hon. Chairman, to kindly intervene in the matter to ensure that the foreign educational institutions which are to be operated in India in future must implement the reservation policy for SC, ST, OBC and other minority sections without any compromise. Then only, the vision envisaged by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Jagjivan Ram and Jyotirao Phule will be reached to the poor people. Thank you, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

Shri P. Lingam is allowed to associate on this matter.