

Title: Raised an issue of ill-treatment, dragging and death of College students of Chennai at the time of ragging by the senior students and appeal the govt. to enforce strict censor through the Censor Board on the programme led to obscene scenes and scenes of violence seen in cinema and TV.

DR. SAROJA V. (RASIPURAM): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand before you to draw the attention of this august House to the ill-treatment and dragging that has taken place recently in Tamil Nadu.

The sad demise of Shri Sarika Shah, a college student of Chennai recently has been the most shameful event of eve-teasing. The provoking factor for this sort of indecent event, among others, seems to stem from such obscene scenes and scenes of violence which are seen in cinema and TV programmes showing eve-teasing of girls by a group of boys.

Another incident of brutal dragging of Shri Navarasu, a medical student from a medical college of Tamil Nadu has taken place earlier. Ragging by the senior students led to his death.

So, all of you in this august House will join me in condoling the deaths of these students and share the grief of their parents.

I appeal to the student community of this country, through this august House, not to let history repeat itself.

Our revolutionary leader Dr. Puratchi Thalaivi, in a recent press statement has appealed to Prasar Bharati that a new blood should be infused in the following manner: -

(i) the movies that are being shown should be in a manner in which the families, adults and children can sit and watch with ease of mind and without shyness and embarrassment; and

(ii) there should be no scenes of sexual harassment and violence.

This can be accomplished only by the Government by strict enforcement of strict censor through the Censor Board.

I appeal to the Directors, actors and producers of films to have self-censor as a national service.

I express my grief and condemn the following: -

(i) cruel attacks on innocent students;

(ii) the lack of political will of the present DMK Government;

(iii) the increasing violence and attacks on women; and

(iv) deterioration of law and order situation in Tamil Nadu.

Jain Commission report also indicts DMK involvement in the assassination of Shri Rajiv Gandhi.

Therefore, I seek dismissal of DMK Government in Tamil Nadu.

Shri Ram Naik: Dr. V. Saroja has raised an important issue about films. Unfortunately, the concerned Minister, Shrimati Sushma Swaraj is not in Delhi today. But I will immediately communicate to her the views of Dr. V. Saroja and ensure that some action is taken.