

Sixteenth Lok Sabha

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Title: Regarding hike in fees in Atomic Energy Education Society Schools in BARC for students whose parents are not working in Department of Atomic Energy.

SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE (MUMBAI SOUTH CENTRAL): Thank you Madam Speaker for allowing me to raise an important issue on fee hike for non-DAE students at BARC schools of my parliamentary constituency of South Central Mumbai. I have received several representations from many non-DAE parents whose children are studying in AEES school in BARC, Mumbai. Previously, the fee for boys was Rs.20,000 and Rs.2000 for girl students. Now the fee is instantly increased to Rs.40,000 for boys as well as for girl students.

It is learnt that recently the Union Minister of Finance had told the Department of Atomic Energy that the fees charged in AEES school were very low. So, the fees were hiked just double to the previous fee structure.

The Union Government is promoting education to all under the Right to Education Scheme. But, due to instant fee hike, how is it possible for poor students to afford the present fee structures at AEES schools? I would like to highlight some of the points raised by the parents of such students. The parents were not given any prior information about the fee hike. There is a Central Government scheme for girls' education which was operational till last year. Now, they have been charged the same fees as is being charged for boys from this year. Those parents who have two children will have to pay twice or thrice the fees. The management is putting pressure on the students to pay their fees in the class room itself. Due to this, it is affecting the students mentally. Like the DAE staff, non-DAE people do not get any special grants for the education of their children. It is the responsibility of the BARC to provide education to the people staying in the nearby areas also.

I would request, through you, the hon. Minister of Atomic Energy to stop this fee hike immediately.

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